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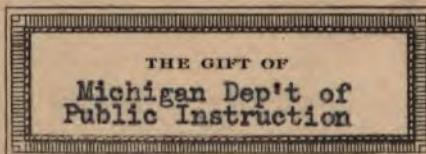
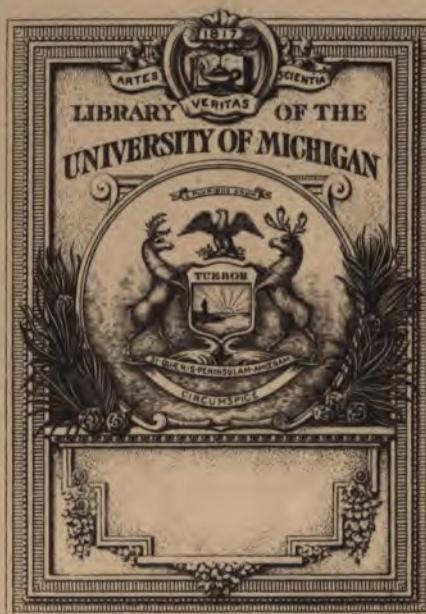
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OF THE

STATE SUPERINTENDENT

— OF —

FREE SCHOOLS

OF THE

STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA. *Dept. of
free schools*

FOR THE YEARS 1875 AND 1876.



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THE STATE SUPERINTENDENT OF FREE SCHOOLS.

STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA,
DEPARTMENT OF FREE SCHOOLS,
January 1st, 1877.

To His Excellency,

JOHN J. JACOB, *Governor of the State of West Virginia.*

SIR:—I have the honor to submit herewith the twelfth and thirteenth annual reports of the working of the free schools of the State for the scholastic years ending the 31st of August, 1875 and 1876, respectively.

The reports of the county superintendents to this office for the years covered by these reports, show a decided improvement upon the reports of previous years. The improvement is so marked that it is believed it will not be long before we may expect to see our free schools so systematized that future reports will approximate very nearly to correctness. But while these reports are much more full and complete than those of former years, yet most of them are still incorrect in several particulars, and a few of them are still very imperfect in many particulars. From two of the counties, Marshall and Roane, no reports have been received from the county superintendents at this office. I have therefore inserted in my report for this year the statistical and financial reports from these counties for last year.

Summary of the School Year ending August 31, 1875.

Number of school districts.....	354
Number of sub-districts reported.....	3,055
Number of independent school districts.....	.....
Number of district school commissioners.....	928
Secretaries of boards of education reported.....	335
Number of trustees.....	2,786
City and county superintendents.....	56

Summary of School Statistics for the School Year ending August 31, 1875, compared with those for the School Year ending August 31, 1874.

Number of teachers granted certificates, 1875.....	3,582
Number of teachers granted certificates, 1874.....	2,993

Increase.....	589
Total number of teachers employed, 1875.....	3,461
Total number of teachers employed, 1874.....	3,342

Increase.....	119
Number of male teachers employed, 1875.....	2,677
Number of male teachers employed, 1874.....	2,541

Increase.....	116
Number of female teachers employed, 1875.....	734
Number of female teachers employed, 1874.....	801

Decrease	17
Number of months taught by male teachers, 1875.....	10,451 00
Number of months taught by male teachers, 1874.....	9,865 73

Increase.....	585 27
Number of months taught by female teachers, 1875.....	3,690 00
Number of months taught by female teachers, 1874.....	3,862 05

Decrease	163 05
Total number of months taught, 1875.....	14,150 00
Total number of months taught, 1874.....	13,727 78

Increase.....	822 22
Average number of months taught, 1875.....	4 20
Average number of months taught, 1874.....	4 12

Increase.....	08
Children in the State between the ages of six and twenty-one years for, 1875.....	134,796
For the year 1874.....	179,897

Increase	4,899

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Attended school during the year 1875.....	115,300
Attended school during the year 1874.....	108,356
 Increase.....	 6,944
Average daily attendance of males, 1875.....	41,762
Average daily attendance of males, 1874.....	37,240
 Increase.....	 4,522
Average daily attendance of females, 1875.....	33,480
Average daily attendance of females, 1874.....	31,057
 Increase.....	 2,423
General average attendance, 1875.....	76,468
General average attendance, 1874.....	68,297
 Increase.....	 8,171
General average age of pupils, 1875..	10.96
General average age of pupils, 1874.....	11.54
Average age of males, 1875.....	11.12
Average age of females, 1875.....	10.81
Whole number of schools, 1875.....	3,231
Whole number of schools, 1874.....	3,023
Common schools, 1875.....	3,145
Common schools, 1874.....	2,936
 Increase.....	 209
Graded schools, 1875.....	78
Graded schools, 1874.....	85
 Decrease	 7
High schools, 1875.....	8
High schools, 1874.....	2
 Increase.....	 6

School Houses.

Frame, 1875.....	1,630
Frame, 1874.....	1,540
Stone, 1875.....	10
Stone, 1874.....	9
Brick, 1875.....	83
Brick, 1874.....	72
Log, 1875.....	1,286
Log, 1874.....	1,209
Whole number of school houses, 1875.....	2,959
Whole number of school houses, 1874.....	2,830
 Increase.....	 1.9
Number built during the year 1875.....	117
Number built during the year 1874.....	131
 Decrease	 14

FREE SCHOOLS.

Number commenced, but not completed, 1875.....	57
Number commenced, but not completed, 1874.....	102
Value of school grounds, 1875.....	\$151,409 58
Value of school grounds, 1874.....	154,055 86

Increase.....	353 72
Value of school houses, 1875.....	\$1,369,681 81
Value of school houses, 1874.....	1,307,480 67

Increase.....	\$62,201 14
Value of furniture, 1875.....	\$73,368 26
Value of furniture, 1874.....	69,849 43

Increase	\$4,518 83
Value of libraries, 1875.....	1,427 16
Value of libraries, 1874.....	* 960 50
Value of apparatus, 1875.....	\$7,618 35
Value of apparatus, 1874.....	8,115 05

Decrease.....	\$497 70
Total value of school property for the year ending August 31, 1875.....	\$1,605,627 15
Total value of school property for the year ending August 31, 1874	1,540,460 59

Increase.....	\$65,166 56
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*Receipts for the Year ending August 31, 1875, compared with those for
the Year ending August 31, 1874.*

From State school fund reported, 1875.....	\$214,791 32
From same source, 1874.....	* 208,800 80

Increase.....	\$5,981 52
From district levies, 1875, for both funds.....	541,089 98
From same source, 1874, for both funds.....	497,070 50

Increase.....	\$44,019 48
From other sources, 1875.....	13,182 72
From other sources, 1874.....	35,058 39

Decrease.....	\$21,875 57
Total receipts reported, 1875, not including amount on hand at beginning of school year.*	757,274 20
Total receipts reported, 1874, not including amount on hand at beginning of school year.	740,938 69

Increase	16,335 51
Total receipts from all sources reported for teachers and building fund for the school year ending August 31, 1875, including amount on hand at beginning of school year.....	\$921,778 99
Same for year 1874.....	823,212 24

Increase.....	\$98,566 75
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*Incomplete.

*Expenditures for the Year ending August 31, 1875, compared with those
for the Year ending August 31, 1874.*

Salaries paid teachers (males) for the year 1875 ^a	\$360,692 82
Salaries paid teachers (males) for the year 1874.....	341,255 01
Increase.....	\$19,437 81
Females for the year 1875.....	147,886 34
Females for the year 1874.....	139,175 83
Increase.....	\$8,710 51
Total paid teachers for the year 1875.....	541,358 83
Total paid teachers for the year 1874.....	\$480,430 84
Increase.....	60,927 99
Average salaries of male teachers (white), 1875.....	\$35 03
Average salaries of male teachers (white), 1874.....	35 70
Decrease	64
Average salaries of female teachers (white), 1875.....	\$30 77
Average salaries of female teachers (white), 1874.....	29 55
Increase.....	\$1 22
Average salaries of teachers, 1875.....	32 90
Average salaries of teachers, 1874.....	32 06
Increase.....	84
Average salaries of male teachers (colored), 1875.....	\$92 28
Average salaries of male teachers (colored), 1874.....	31 90
Increase.....	38
Average salaries of female teachers (colored), 1875.....	\$25 45
Average salaries of female teachers (colored), 1874.....	30 30
General average, 1875.....	32 90
General average, 1874.....	31 10

Expenditures from the Building Fund.

Paid for land for the year 1875.....	\$14,070 74
Paid for land for the year 1874.....	23,438 91
Decrease.....	\$9,368 17
Paid for building school houses, 1875.....	106,976 64
Paid for building school houses, 1874.....	83,805 57
Increase.....	\$23,171 07
Paid for rent of school houses, 1875.....	3,422 52
Paid for rent of school houses, 1874.....	2,499 25
Increase.....	\$923 27

^aIncomplete.

FREE SCHOOLS.

Paid for repairs, 1875.....	24,831 82
Paid for repairs, 1874.....	20,283 03
 Increase.....	\$4,048 79
Paid for fuel, 1875.....	25,478 16
Paid for fuel, 1874.....	21,170 85
 Increase.....	\$4,307 31
Paid for furniture for the year 1875.....	11,055 80
Paid for furniture for the year 1874.....	11,721 01
 Decrease.....	\$665 21
Paid for apparatus, 1875.....	2,796 92
Paid for apparatus, 1874.....	2,709 90
 Increase.....	\$87 02
Paid for interest, 1875.....	4,887 96
Paid for interest, 1874.....	3,760 32
 Increase.....	\$1,127 64
Paid commission for collecting, 1875.....	15,124 31
Paid commission for collecting, 1874.....	15,909 38
 Decrease.....	785 07
Paid for enrolment, 1875	3,947 59
Paid for enrolment, 1874	3,351 38
 Increase.....	\$596 21
Paid for sweeping building and making fires, 1875.....	13,421 24
Paid for same, 1874.....	11,500 27
 Increase.....	\$1,920 97
Paid secretaries of Board of Education, 1875.....	10,116 36
Paid secretaries of Board of Education, 1874.....	9,211 95
 Increase.....	\$904 41
Paid for contingencies, 1875.....	19,603 23
Paid for contingencies, 1874.....	14,975 20
 Increase.....	\$4,628 03
Total expenditures from the building fund, for all purposes, for the school year ending August 31, 1875.....	255,233 29
Total expenditures from same fund, for all purposes, for the year 1874.....	224,337 02
 Increase.....	\$30,896 27
Total expenditures for all purposes from teachers' and building fund for the year ending August 31, 1875.....	796,592 12
Total expenditures for all purposes from same funds for the year 1874.....	704,767 86
 Increase.....	\$79,275 66

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Balance reported on hand for the year ending August 31, 1875.....	140,390 73
Balance reported on hand for the year ending August 31, 1874	160,363 51

Decrease	\$19,972 78
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Average District Levy on the \$100, value of property, for the School Year ending August 31, 1875, compared with the School Year ending August 31, 1874.

For teachers' fund, 1875.....	\$29 30
For teachers' fund, 1874.....	29 18
Increase.....	12
For building fund, 1875.....	\$21 50
For building fund, 1874.....	19 17
Increase.....	\$2 33
Cost per pupil for tuition for the school year ending August 31, 1875, based on the enumeration reported.....	2 92
Cost per pupil for tuition for the school year ending August 31, 1874, based on the enumeration reported.....	2 83
Increase.....	09
Cost per pupil for tuition for the school year ending August 31, 1875, based on the number reported attending school.....	\$4 68
Cost per pupil for tuition for the school year ending August 31, 1874, based on the number reported attending school.....	4 44
Increase.....	24
Cost per pupil for tuition for the school year ending August 31, 1875, based on the number reported in daily average attendance.....	\$7 19
Cost per pupil for tuition for the school year ending August 31, 1874, based on the number reported in daily average attendance.....	7 03½
Increase.....	15½
Cost per pupil for all purposes for 1875, based on number reported attending school.....	\$6 80
Cost per pupil for all purposes for 1874, based on number reported attending school.....	6 59
Increase.....	21
Amount received during the year 1875 for all purposes for each youth in the State between the ages of six and twenty-one years, as enumerated.....	\$4 98
Amount for same for the year 1874.....	4 84
Increase.....	14
Amount expended during the year 1875 for all purposes for each youth in the State between the ages of six and twenty-one years, as enumerated.....	\$4 34
Amount expended during the year 1874, for same as enumerated.....	4 14
Increase.....	20
Cost per pupil, per month for all purposes for the year 1875, based on the number reported attending school.....	.....
Cost per pupil, per month for all purposes for the year 1874, based on the number reported attending school	1 07

Recapitulation of the Fiscal Statement for the Fiscal Year ending August 31, 1875.

Total assets reported from all sources during the year, including balance on hand at beginning of school year.....	\$921,778 99
Total reported disbursements of both funds during the year.....	784,043 52
Reported balance on hand of both funds.....	140,390 73
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	\$924,434 25
Amount unaccounted for.....	2,655 26

Summary of the School Year ending August 31, 1876.

Number of school districts.....	356
Number of sub-districts.....	3,124
Number of district school commissioners.....	1,072
Secretaries of boards of education.....	356
Number of trustees.....	3,124
City and county superintendents.....	56

*Summary of School Statistics for the School year ending August 31, 1876,
compared with those for the school year ending August 31, 1875.*

Number of teachers granted certificates, 1876.....	3,817
Number of teachers granted certificates, 1875.....	3,582
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Increase.....	235
Total number of teachers employed, 1876.....	3,693
Total number of teachers employed, 1875.....	3,461
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Increase.....	232
Number of male teachers employed, 1876.....	2,797
Number of male teachers employed, 1875.....	2,677
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Increase.....	120
Number of female teachers employed, 1876.....	896
Number of female teachers employed, 1875.....	784

Number of Months Taught.

By male teachers, 1876.....	11,256
By male teachers, 1875.....	10,451.00
By female teachers, 1876.....	4,442
By female teachers, 1875.....	3,699.00
Total number of months taught, 1876.....	15,698
Total number of months taught, 1875.....	14,150.00
Average number of months taught, 1876.....	4.32
Average number of months taught, 1875.....	4.20
Children in the State between the ages of six and twenty-one years for 1876.....	184,796
For the year 1875.....	179,897
Attended school during the year 1876.....	123,504

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Attended school during the year 1875.....	117,845
Average daily attendance of males, 1876.....	43,082
Average daily attendance of males, 1875.....	41,762
Average daily attendance of females, 1876.....	29,196
Average daily attendance of females, 1875.....	38,480
General average attendance, 1876.....	72,278
General average attendance, 1875.....	76,468
General average age of pupils, 1876.....	11.32
General average age of pupils, 1875.....	10.96
Whole number of schools, 1876.....	3,841
Whole number of schools, 1875.....	3,231
Common schools, 1876.....	3,269
Common schools, 1875.....	3,145
Graded schools, 1876.....	67
Graded schools, 1875.....	78
High schools, 1876.....	5
High schools, 1875.....	8

School Houses.

Frame, 1876.....	1,753
Frame, 1875.....	1,630
Stone, 1876.....	11
Stone, 1875.....	10
Brick, 1876.....	79
Brick, 1875.....	83
Log, 1876.....	1,284
Log, 1875.....	1,236
Whole number of school houses, 1876.....	3,127
Whole number of school houses, 1875.....	2,959
Number built during the year 1876.....	141
Number built during the year 1875.....	117
Number commenced but not completed, 1876.....	53
Number commenced but not completed, 1875.....	57
Value of school grounds, 1876.....	\$157,721 66
Value of school grounds, 1875.....	154,409 58
Value of school houses, 1876.....	1,419,664 20
Value of school houses, 1875.....	1,369,681 81
Value of furniture, 1876.....	74,725 68
Value of furniture, 1875.....	73,368 26
Value of libraries, 1876.....	945 30
Value of libraries, 1875.....	1,427 16
Value of apparatus, 1876.....	7,410 99
Value of apparatus, 1875.....	7,617 35
Total value of school property for the year ending August 31, 1876.....	1,660,467 88
Total value of school property for the year ending August 31, 1875.....	1,605,627 15

Receipts for the year ending August 31, 1876, compared with those for the year ending August 31, 1875.

From State school fund, 1876	\$209,124 38
From State school fund, 1875	214,791 32

From district levies 1876, from teachers' fund.....	695,282 58
From district levies 1875, from teachers' fund.....	541,089 98
Total receipts from all sources reported for teachers' and building fund for the school year ending August 31, 1876, including amount on hand at beginning of school y'r..	986,577 00
Same for year 1875.....	921,778 99

Expenditures for the year ending August 31, 1876, compared with those for the year ending August 31, 1875.

Salaries paid teachers (males) for the year, 1876.....	\$391,384 18
Salaries paid teachers (females) for the year, 1875.....	360,692 82
Salaries paid females for the year, 1876.....	152,650 97
Salaries paid females for the year, 1875.....	147,886 34
Total paid teachers' for the year, 1876.....	558,457 49
Total paid teachers for the year, 1875.....	541,358 83
Average salaries of male teachers (white), 1876.....	34 89
Average salaries of male teachers (white), 1875.....	35 03
Average salaries of female teachers (white), 1876.....	32 09
Average salaries of female teachers (white), 1875.....	30 77
Average salaries of male teachers (colored), 1876.	30 83
Average salaries of male teachers (colored), 1875.....	32 28
Average salaries of female teachers (colored), 1876.....	15 97
Average salaries of female teachers (colored), 1875.....	25 45
General average, 1876.....	31 62
General average, 1875.....	32 90
Receipts from building fund, 1876.....	291,294 42
Receipts from building fund, 1875.....	269,848 04

Expenditures from the Building Fund.

Paid for land for the year 1876.....	\$9,351 93
Paid for land for the year 1875.....	14,070 74
Paid for building school houses, 1876.....	105,187 46
Paid for building school houses, 1875.....	106,976 64
Paid for rent of school houses, 1876.....	2,707 60
Paid for rent of school houses, 1875.....	3,422 52
Paid for repairs, 1876.....	23,711 12
Paid for repairs, 1875.....	24,331 82
Paid for fuel, 1876.....	25,382 24
Paid for fuel, 1875.....	25,478 16
Paid for furniture for the year 1876.....	8,670 23
Paid for furniture for the year 1875.....	11,055 80
Paid for apparatus, 1876.....	3,477 94
Paid for apparatus, 1875.....	2,796 9
Paid for interest, 1876.....	4,479 29
Paid for interest, 1875.....	4,887 96
Paid commission for collecting, 1876.....	14,548 22
Paid commission for collecting, 1875.....	15,124 31
Paid for enrolment, 1876.....	3,802 58
Paid for enrolment, 1875.....	3,947 59
Paid for sweeping building and making fires, 1876.....	12,083 03
Paid for same, 1875.....	13,421 24

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Paid secretaries of boards of education 1876.....	9,751 07
Paid secretaries of boards of education 1875.....	10,116 36
Paid for contingencies 1876.....	22,989 10
Paid for contingencies 1875.....	19,603 23
Total expenditures from the building fund, for all purposes for the school year ending August 31, 1876.....	217,630 45
Total expenditures from the same fund for all purposes for the year 1875.....	255,233 29
Total expenditures for all purposes from teachers' and building fund for the year ending August 31, 1876.....	786,117 94
Total expenditures for all purposes from same funds, for the year 1875.....	796,592 12
Balance reported on hand at the beginning of the year ending August 31, 1876.....	134,093 53
Balance reported on hand for the year ending August 31, 1875.....	140,390 73

Average District Levy on the \$100 Value of Property, for the School Year Ending August 31, 1876, Compared with the School Year Ending August 31, 1875.

For teachers' fund 1876.....	00.29.70
For teachers' fund 1875.....	00.29.30
For building fund 1876.....	00.19.90
For building fund 1875.....	00.21.50
Cost per pupil for tuition for the school year ending August 31, 1876, based on the enumeration reported.....	2 76
Cost per pupil for tuition for the school year ending August 31, 1875, based on the enumeration reported.....	2 92
Cost per pupil for tuition for the school year ending August 31, 1876, based on the number reported attending school.....	4 13
Cost per pupil for tuition for the school year ending August 31, 1875, based on the number attending school.....	4 68
Cost per pupil for all purposes for the school year ending August 31, 1876, based on the number reported in daily average attendance.....	7 72
Cost per pupil for tuitions for the school year ending August 31, 1875, based on the number reported in daily average attendance.....	7 59
Cost per pupil for all purposes for 1876, based on number reported attending school.....	6 65
Cost per pupil for all purposes for 1875, based on number reported attending school.....	6 80
Amount received during the year 1876, for all purposes for each youth in State between the ages of six and twenty-one years as enumerated.....	5 42
Amount for same for the year 1875.....	4 98
Amount expended during the year 1876, for all purposes for each youth in the State between the ages of six and twenty-one years as enumerated.....	4 48
Amount expended during the year 1875, for same, as enumerated.....	4 34
Cost per pupil per month for all purposes for the year 1876, based on the number reported attending school.....	1 58
Cost per pupil, per month for all purposes for the year 1875, based on the number reported attending school.....	1 62

Recapitulation of the Fiscal Statement for the Fiscal Year Ending August 31, 1876.

Total assets reported from all sources during the year, including balance on hand at beginning of school year.....	
Total reported disbursements of both funds during the year.....	
Reported balance on hand of both funds.....	
Amount unaccounted for.....	

AMENDMENT OF THE SCHOOL LAW.

I beg leave to call attention to the recommendations for the amendment of the school law, made in my last biennial report, and urge upon the Legislature the importance of amending the law on the subject of the management of the finances for the support of the schools.

We distribute annually, on the first of September, from the State treasury, more than two hundred thousand dollars to the counties and school districts for the payment of teachers, one-half to be drawn on the 15th day of October, and the other half to be drawn on the 15th day of January, by the sheriffs of the respective counties, who act as the disbursing officers of the school moneys.

Numerous complaints are made to me from many of the counties of the State, that the sheriffs fail to pay over this money to the teachers as their salaries fall due, but upon the contrary, that the sheriffs use the money so drawn for purposes of speculation, and for the payment of their own debts. Indeed, I understand it has been a rule in the Auditor's office ever since our free schools have had an existence, that if the sheriff of a county is in debt to the State on account of revenues due to the State when the general school fund becomes due, for the Auditor to withhold the payment of the school money until the sheriff's said indebtedness to the treasury is discharged. This is a grievous injury to the school teacher, and if the law now in existence sanctions such a course, it certainly ought to be so amended as to prohibit the sheriff from making any such use of the money in the treasury due for school purposes. As the rule now is, if when the sheriff gets his orders from the county superintendent he is in debt to the State, he takes the money due to the school teachers and pays his own debts and forces the teacher to wait for his money until the sheriff can collect from the slow tax payers of his county an amount of money sufficient to replace the teachers' money, which was collected the year previous and placed in bank to the credit of the general school fund. Indeed, the way this fund is now managed, it is a reserve fund of actual cash in bank upon which the sheriff can draw to pay any deficit in his accounts with the State, that does not exceed the amount due to his county from the general school fund, and thus save his commission for prompt payment. This practice ought to be prohibited by law, and the general school fund should be so guarded as to be held sacred for the purposes for which it was intended.

The law provides for a levy of twenty cents on the one hundred dollars valuation for State charges, and ten cents for a general school

fund; and it also provides, as a part of the general school fund, a capitation tax of one dollar on each male resident over the age of twenty-one years. When these several classes of taxes are collected and paid into the treasury, they should be credited to the fund to which they respectively belong; and the accounts in the depositories should show what amount was on deposit belonging to each fund so that the interest accruing from the banks should go to the fund which produced it. As the general school fund is now managed, the whole of the interest arising from deposits of school moneys, is credited to the State fund, and absorbed by it to the prejudice of the general school fund, while it is believed that most of the interest on deposits arises from the deposits of school moneys. There is no interest whatever paid by the banks on deposits that goes to the general school fund.

Chapter 198 of the acts of 1872-3. should be so amended as not to require the sheriff to make a settlement with the court for school moneys on or before the first day of June in each year. The school year runs from the 1st day of September to the 31st day of the next August, so that a settlement on the first day of June cannot cover the transactions of the fiscal school year, which ends on the 31st day of the succeeding August. It is impossible for the sheriff to make, on the first of June, a complete settlement for the fiscal school year, and since this settlement puts him to much trouble without producing any beneficial results, he ought not be required to make it.

The school law, chap. 123, acts 1872-3, section 23, provides that "the school year shall commence on the first day of September, and close on the 31st day of August, inclusively, and all reports, accounts and settlements respecting the free schools of this State, shall be made with reference to the school year." Section 46 of the same chapter provides that the sheriff "shall on or before the first day of September of each year, settle with the board of education of each district and independent district." And by section 52 of the same chapter, it is provided that the sheriff "shall make annual settlements by districts, with the county court, at its next term after the first of September of each year, showing the amount of all moneys received and disbursed by him for the preceding year, for school and building purposes from the State fund, and from the district and independent district, and the amount due to each district; which settlement shall be made matter of record by the clerk of said court in a book to be kept for that purpose."

These two settlements provided for in the school law are right and proper, and are all the settlements that should be required; one with the boards of education of the districts at the end of the school year, so that the board may know how it stands with the sheriff before it

makes its levy for the ensuing year, and the other with the county court after all the business of the year has been settled up, so that such settlement may be made a matter of record in the clerk's office. The objection to the June settlement, in addition to what has been stated is, that some of the sheriffs claim that the law requiring a settlement with the county court after the end of the school year, is in conflict with the law requiring the June settlement, and they refuse to make both settlements. Proper settlements with the sheriffs by the boards of education, and the county courts, at the end of each school year, are of vital importance to the school officers in making their financial reports; indeed, it is impossible for boards of education and county superintendents to make accurate reports of the receipts and disbursements of school moneys without these settlements. Large sums of money collected off of the people for school purposes, have remained unaccounted for from year to year, until the aggregate would, since our school system commenced, now amount to one or two millions of dollars. I do not think the whole of this money, or the greater part of it, has been wasted. But as it has not been accounted for, it is impossible to determine what disposition has been made of it.

Our school taxes have, from the beginning of the system been about the same as at present, the levy for the building fund has been for the last few years about one-third less than in former years. But the State levy has, from the commencement been ten cents on the one hundred dollars valuation of all property real and personal, and the State capitation tax also has always gone into the general school fund while the local tax for teachers' fund has not varied much from the beginning; yet the discrepancy in the amount accounted for to this office has been very great in different periods of the existence of our schools.

In the last four years, covering the years ending respectively on the 31st of August, 1873, 1874, 1875 and 1876 the whole amount accounted for as disbursed in the aggregate in these four years, was two millions eight hundred and sixty-four thousand two hundred and thirty-two dollars and forty-six cents (\$2,864,232.46). For the four years from 1869 to 1872 inclusive, the whole amount reported to this office as disbursed was two millions one hundred and forty-six thousand four hundred and eighty-three dollars and seventy-eight cents, (\$2,146,483.78). For the four years from 1865 to 1868 inclusive, the whole amount reported disbursed was, one million sixty-four thousand seven dollars and eighty-two cents, (1,064,007.82). It will be seen that the average collections and disbursements for each year reported to this office for the first four years from 1865 to 1868 inclusive was \$266,001.95. That the average from 1869 to 1872 inclusive, was \$536,620.94, and that the average per year from 1863 to 1876 inclusive, was, \$716,058.11.

While the financial reports to this office are much more full and satisfactory for the last few years past, they are yet imperfect and will continue to be so until stringent laws shall be enacted requiring the sheriffs who are the collecting and disbursing officers to make their annual settlements with the boards of education and the county courts in time to be used by the county superintendents in their reports to this office.

The following table made up from the reports of the Auditor of the State from 1864, to 1876, both years inclusive, will show the whole amount of property subject to State levy for school purposes for each year, the amount levied and the amount disbursed for each year.

YEAR.	Total value of real estate and Personal Property.	Rate of Taxation for School purposes on \$100 valuation.	Total State levy of ten cents on the \$100 valuation for Schools.	Total levy of Capitation Tax of \$1 on the head for Schools.	Total amount levied on Property and Capitation.	Interest collected & disbursed from the invested School Fund,	Total amount levied by the State on all subjects including interest on the invested school fund	Total amount disbursed from all sources including interest on School Fund.
1864	\$113,368,933	10 cts.	\$113,368 93	\$63,173 00	\$176,541 93	\$10,500 00	\$187,041 93	\$ 68,184 00
1865	113,368,933	10 cts.	113,368 93	63,173 00	176,541 93	10,209 68	187,751 61	106,926 88
1866	113,361,435	10 cts.	113,361 43	72,122 00	185,438 43	11,151 44	196,634 87	155,081 44
1867	126,060,743	10 cts.	126,060 74	77,219 00	203,279 74	22,350 00	225,629 74	204,638 80
1868	137,952,255	10 cts.	137,952 25	80,927 00	218,879 25	25,304 36	244,188 61	138,440 43
1869	132,548,065	10 cts.	132,548 06	83,956 00	216,504 06	19,000 00	235,504 06	57,028 69
					\$1,177,230 34	\$98,515 48	1,276,745 82	\$730,250 24
1870	\$130,037,017	10 cts.	\$130,037 01	\$85,429 00	\$215,466 01	\$21,118 76	\$236,584 77	\$247,531 04
1871	135,963,859	10 cts.	135,963 85	91,179 00	227,142 85	21,018 18	248,161 03	178,229 14
1872	132,356,702	10 cts.	132,356 70	90,395 00	222,751 70	21,348 00	244,399 70	249,516 22
1873	139,351,429	10 cts.	139,351 42	97,414 00	236,763 42	21,833 92	258,591 34	240,360 35
1874	140,790,792	10 cts.	140,790 79	100,857 00	241,647 79	40,937 34	282,585 13	231,479 38
1875	153,887,828	10 cts.	153,887 82	99,568 00	253,455 82	21,844 55	275,300 37	219,573 87
1876	.....	.....	.....	.....	\$1,397,229 59	\$148,400 75	1,545,630 34	1,366,678 00
					\$1,177,230 34	\$98,515 48	1,276,745 82	\$730,250 24
					\$2,574,459 93	\$49,885 27	\$ 278,884 52	\$636,427 76

This table shows that the whole amount levied by the State for free school purposes, being a levy of ten cents on the \$100 valuation of all real estate and personal property, and one dollar on all capitulations—

From 1864 to 1875, both years inclusive, was.....	\$2,574,459 93
Deduct 15 per cent for delinquencies and commissions.....	257,445 99
Leaves.....	\$2,317,003 94
Add interest collected for same time on invested school fund.....	246,916 23

Estimated available State school fund for the first 12 years.....	\$2,563,920 17
Whole amount disbursed for same years.....	2,096,928 24
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Difference between estimated receipts and actual disbursements.....	466,991 83
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The whole amount levied for the first 6 years from 1864 to 1869, both years inclusive	\$1,177,230 34
Deduct 15 per cent for delinquencies and commission.....	176,584 55
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Leaves.....	\$1,000,645 78
Add interest collected for same time on invested school fund.....	98,515 48
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Estimated available funds for the first 6 years.....	\$1,099,161 27
Total disbursements for the first 6 years.....	730,250 24
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Difference between estimated receipts and actual disbursements for the first 6 years, the disbursements being less than the estimated receipts.....	\$ 368,911 08
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The whole amount levied for the last 6 years, from 1870 to 1875 inclusive.....	\$1,397,229 59
Deduct 15 per cent for delinquencies and commission.....	209,584 48
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Leaves.....	\$1,187,645 16
Add interest collected for same time on invested school fund.....	148,400 75
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Estimated available funds for the last six years.....	\$1,336,045 91
Total disbursements for the last six years.....	1,366,678 00
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Difference between estimated receipts and actual disbursements for the last six years, disbursements being in excess of estimated receipts	\$ 30,632 09
Average estimated receipts each year for the first six years.....	183,193 54
Average annual disbursements for the first six years.....	121,708 37
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Expenditures being less each year than estimated receipts.....	\$ 61,485 17
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Average estimated annual receipts for the last six years.....	\$222,674 81
Average annual disbursements the last six years.....	227,779 66
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Expenditures in excess of estimated receipts each year.....	\$5,105 35

The expenditures for the last six years being in excess of the estimated annual receipts, may be accounted for by collections made from sheriffs on old debts due for years prior to the time included in the estimate.

It is difficult to understand the cause of the great difference in the disbursements of school money in the two periods named, when we remember that the taxes levied in these two periods were exactly the same on valuations, also on capitations.

I am aware that there has been a considerable increase in the value of property subject to taxation; but this increase falls far short of accounting for the whole difference in the amounts disbursed in the two periods compared.

Our whole financial system relating to schools is radically wrong. It should be reorganized and placed on the same basis of the State financial system, both as to State and local levies, and collections.

When State taxes are levied, the county and district assessors report to the State Auditor, the exact amount levied in each county; and he charges the amount to the sheriff of each county, which stands as a debt against the sheriff until he pays the whole amount in cash, after deducting delinquencies and commissions; this applies also to the State school tax. I have already pointed out the defects in the administration of this branch of the school moneys. The administration of revenues for school purposes arising from local taxation, is still more defective than the administration of those arising from State taxation. The sheriff is both the collecting and disbursing agent, not required to make any settlement by which it can be determined how much money he has collected during the year. But the settlements only show how much he is charged with, and how much he has disbursed. He may have collected all, or he may have collected none, at the time of his settlement. There should, I think, be a treasurer of school moneys in each county, with whom the sheriff should be bound to settle at stated periods, and to whom a certain amount of the local taxes should be paid at specified times, so that the teachers could easily and conveniently ascertain whether there were funds on hand for their payment.

The sheriff cannot always be conveniently found by teachers, and in many cases they suffer great delay and inconvenience on that account, while a treasurer would be more likely to be found at his place of business.

TEACHERS' NORMAL INSTITUTES.

Eight of these institutes were held each year for the last two years during the summer vacation, for a period of two weeks each, by two or more able and experienced educators. The attendance of teachers, though not as large as it should have been, yet the institutes have done much good in bringing the district school teachers in contact with each other, and with the conductors of the institutes, by which they are enabled to compare methods of imparting instruction, and to learn from their instructors the best means of conducting their own schools. One hundred dollars have been furnished by the general agent of the Peabody fund for each of these institutes, for the employment of prominent teachers to conduct them.

The general suggestions for conducting these institutes will be found in my last biennial report.

PEABODY FUND.

The following schools were aided from this fund by the Rev. D. B. Sears, general agent, during the year ending August 31st, 1876. For the year ending August 31st, 1875, part of the amount reported for the year ending August 31st, 1874, was used. There was no additional amount donated to our schools for the school year 1875. The amount reported for the year ending August 31st, 1875, namely, \$18,800, was not all paid that year, but was apportioned between that and the succeeding year, being the whole amount received for the years 1874 and 1875.

For the year ending August 31st, 1876:

Moundsville,.....	\$1,000
Fairmont,.....	1,000
Wellsburg,	1,000
Weston,.....	800
Grafton,.....	800
Palatine,.....	600
New Cumberland,.....	600
Mannington,.....	600
Buckhannon,	600
Piedmont,	600
Mason City,.....	600
Newburg,.....	800
St. Marys,	300
Ravenswood,.....	300
Buffalo,.....	300
West Union, Doddridge Co.,	800
West Union, Preston Co.,	300
Bethany,.....	300
Pruntytown,.....	300
Elizabeth,	300
Cairo,.....	300
Teachers' Institute,.....	800
Educational Journal,.....	200
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	\$12,200

The aid derived from the Peabody fund by the better class of our graded schools, has been of much benefit to such schools in aiding them to continue in session much longer each year than they would otherwise have been able to do. Many of our valuable teachers come from these schools.

NORMAL SCHOOLS.

Our six Normal Schools have been in operation for the past two years as theretofore, but owing to the want of timely aid by the Legislature have been much crippled in their efficiency. The appropriations by the Legislature for the support of these schools should be made before the commencement of the schools each year, so as to enable the Board of Regents to make contracts with teachers for them with a certainty that their salaries would be paid as the services are rendered. For the past several years the appropriations for the payment of teachers' salaries has not been made till late in the session of the schools, and as there is known to be considerable opposition to these schools in several portions of the State, there are always some fears that such appropriations may not be made at all. This uncertainty works great injury to the success of these schools. But notwithstanding their crippled condition, growing out of these facts, they are still doing much good in advancing our educational interest.

Nothing can be substituted for these schools. And I trust that the Legislature at its next session will make ample provision for them, and thus place them on a more substantial and successful footing in the future than they have been in the past.

PRIVATE SCHOOLS.

This subject does not fall legitimately under the control of the free school department, there has therefore never been any systematic inquiry by this office into the number of private schools in this State, nor the number of children attending such schools. On this subject I find in the "Resources of West Virginia," a very valuable work by M. F. Maury, Fellow of the Geological Society of London, and Wm. M. Fontaine, A. M., Professor of Natural History, &c., at the West Virginia University, prepared under the direction of the State Board of Centennial Managers, the following valuable information on the subject of private schools :

"In addition to the foregoing schools belonging to, and provided for, by the State, the youth of West Virginia have educational advantages in many private and denominational institutions, among which may be mentioned the following, as among the most conspicuous :

"Bethany College, located at Bethany, in Brooke County, and under the control of the Christian Church, was organized by the renowned Rev. Alex. Campbell. It is a literary college of high grade, and offers a liberal training to its pupils. Its buildings and grounds are fine and ample, its library and apparatus extensive, and its stu-

dents have become distinguished educators in this and other states.

"Fleming College, at Flemington, Taylor County, was established as a "Free Will Baptist," in 1868. The course of study is largely of the normal character. During 1875, there were 70 pupils in attendance.

"Storer College, chartered in 1868, received its name from the late John Storer, of Maine, who gave \$10,000 towards its endowment. It is situated at Harper's Ferry, in Jefferson County. It is only attended by colored pupils. The school has an annual course of lectures on scientific and other topics, and an excellent feature in its administration is, that instruction is given in printing and industrial pursuits. The course of study is academic and normal. The board of instruction consists of a principal and nine assistants. The aggregate number of pupils for the year ending June 1875, was 285.

"Wheeling Female College, chartered in 1849, has been in excellent reputation many years, and is the property of a joint stock company. The building occupies a commanding position in the centre of Wheeling, is well furnished, and can accommodate a large number of boarding pupils. At present it has an enrolment of 100 pupils, a large number of whom reside in Wheeling.

"The Doddridge Music and Art School, located on 12th street, in Wheeling, was established in 1874. Instruction is given in oil painting, drawing and music. Number of pupils in 1876, 69.

"Morgantown Female Seminary, in Monongalia County, was organized in 1852, and has been in successful operation since that time, enjoying an excellent reputation.

"St. Alban's Seminary, in Kanawha County, was begun a few years ago, under the care of the Baptist Church, and has an excellent reputation. There is also an Academy at French Creek, in Upshur County. Also a High School at Buckhannon, in Upshur County.

"St. Joseph's Academy, in Wheeling, was opened September 1st, 1865, by the 'Sisters of St. Joseph,' for girls and boys under 12 years old. The present attendance is 115 of the former, and 57 of the latter. German is taught gratis, to children of German parentage. These Sisters also conduct St. Joseph's Parish School, with 240 pupils, St. Alphonsus', (German,) with 300 pupils; and a Parish and Orphan Asylum School, with 260 pupils. Also, in Grafton, Taylor County, they teach a Parish School with 165 pupils; in Academy at Clarksburg, Harrison County, with 122 pupils, and one at Charles-ton, Kanawha County, with 88 pupils. Total number of pupils 1,347. Number of teachers, including those engaged solely in teaching music and language, 46. In these schools the boys and girls are taught separately.

"Mount de Chantel, near Weeling, controlled by the 'Sisters of the Visitation,' has been in operation since 1864, and has done much valuable work.

"*Commercial Schools*—In Parkersburg, Charleston and Wheeling, business colleges have been organized, and are in successful operation. As a school of the highest type of this class in the State, may be named the National Business College, in Wheeling. It is designed for the practical education of ladies, young men and boys, in business affairs. It embraces instruction in all departments of book-keeping, penmanship, arithmetic, spelling, commercial law, commercial correspondence, lectures and practical exercises."

WEST VIRGINIA UNIVERSITY.

In the same work, I find the following relating to the University:

"This was designed to stand at the head of the literary institutions of the State, and was located by the Legislature at Morgantown, in Monongalia County. The buildings are new, tasteful, spacious and well adapted to their purpose, consisting of a University hall, an armory, and new central hall. The surroundings are favorable for student life."

The origin of this institution began in the grant of land made several years ago by the United States to most of the States of the Union, for the purpose of establishing agricultural colleges. The proceeds of the land scrip thus given to West Virginia, was about \$90,000. To this the State has since added about \$20,000, thus furnishing the school a permanent fund of about \$110,000, the income of which goes to meet the current expenses of the college. In addition to this fund the Legislature has been accustomed to make special appropriations for its current expenses. From the outset the plan and scope of the college was made broad and liberal, assuming the features of a University. The departments of instruction embrace the literary, scientific, practical and experimental, agricultural and military. The United States furnishes arms and equipments, and also details an officer from the regular army, to teach military science, &c.

The various departments, as at present arranged, are as follows:

1. Philosophy and English Literature.
2. Astronomy and Physics.
3. Mathematics and Engineering.
4. Military Science and Tactics.
5. Modern Languages and Literature.
6. History, Political Economy and Belles Lettres.
7. Chemistry, Natural History and Agriculture.

The University is in possession of the apparatus requisite for a thorough illustration of Chemistry and Physics, and its Museum contains extensive Mineralogical, Geological and Conchological Cabinets, together with many specimens in other departments of Natural History. Its laboratory of Practical Chemistry is in operation, the instruction at present being devoted chiefly to analysis, with its application to agriculture. Its library embraces about 4,000 volumes, which include not only valuable books of reference, but also standard works in the various departments of History, Biography, Theology, Agriculture, Arts, Science and general Literature. In 1874-5 there were 150 students enrolled. This includes the preparatory class.

This institution is under the control of a board of nine Regents, one from each judicial district of the State, who are appointed by the Board of the School Fund. The law provides that four cadets from each judicial district of the State, may be appointed to the military department. These enjoy all the privileges of the college, have all their books furnished them, and are exempt from any charges for tuition.

STATE EDUCATIONAL ASSOCIATION.

This Association held its annual session for the year 1875 at Point Pleasant in August of that year, and in August, 1876 in Moundsville.

At each of these sessions the usual amount of business was transacted. But as I am not in possession of the proceedings of these two sessions of the association, I cannot give them in detail.

OUR STATE EXHIBIT AT THE INTERNATIONAL EXHIBITION AT PHILADELPHIA IN 1876.

The exhibit of the great number of articles, the products of West Virginia at our Centennial Exposition was highly creditable to our State, and places her very high, if not the very highest, among the States of our Union, in the undeveloped resources of natural wealth. This exhibit was made in a handsome building, in the Centennial park, and consisted of six hundred and seventy different specimens, regularly arranged, numbered and named for the convenience of the visitor.

Our exhibition of school work was creditable to our free schools as far as the specimens presented were concerned, but we might have made it much more so had other portions of the State responded to our Centennial Committee on school work as did those who produced specimens for exhibition.

The following list of specimens of school work taken from the catalogue of the exhibition is presented.

Dotted map of the State, representing all the school houses in the State.

Photographic views of all the public school buildings in the city of Wheeling.

Pupils' work, Union Public School, Wheeling.

Pupils' work, Madison Public School, Wheeling.

Pupils' work, Webster Public School, Wheeling.

Pupils' work, Clay Public School, Wheeling.

Pupils' work, Centre Public School, Wheeling.

Pupils' work, Ritchie Public School, Wheeling.

Pupils' work, Mount de Chantel Academy, Wheeling.

Pupils' work, St. Joseph's Academy, Wheeling.

Pupils' work, Business College, Wheeling.

Catalogues Female College.

Vocal culture Mount de Chantel Academy, Wheeling.

Map of West Virginia, Thomas Meminger, Wheeling.

Map of Brooke county, —— Myers, Bethany College.

Photographic views showing Bethany Free School Building, Bethany College, Beck's Free School Building, Wellsburg Free School Building and Wellsburg School House.

Pupils' work, Wellsburg Public School.

Photograph. Union School, Charleston.

Pupils' work in same.

Pupils' work, Public School, Moundsville.

Pupils' work, Public School, Benwood.

Pupils' work, other public schools in Marshall county.

Photograph, Public School, Clifton.

Pupils' work, Public School, Point Pleasant.

Pencil drawing of H. W. Beecher, by Perry Morris, of Morgantown Free School.

Pencil drawing of E. L. Cox, by W. C. Shafer, of Morgantown Free School.

Photograph of Marshall College, Normal School, Huntington.

Pupils' work, State Normal School, Glenville.

Embossed maps for the use of the blind, made by H. H. Johnson.

Photograph, Institute Deaf, Dumb and Blind, Romney.

Photograph, Shepherd College, Shepherdstown.

Photograph, Fairmont Normal School.

Pupils' work, Fairmont Normal School.

Pupils' work, Public School, Fairmont.

Pupils' work, Public School, Sir John's Run.

Pupils' work, Public School, Buckhannon.

Photograph, Public School, Elizabeth.

Photograph, Graded School, Burning Springs.

Books used in free schools, West Virginia.

The photographic views of school buildings were handsomely framed in groups, in black walnut frames, and presented a fine appearance.

The specimens of pupils work were handsomely bound in cloth, in volumes in size corresponding to the amount of work produced by each school. There were about twenty-five volumes of this work. The pupils work of our State compared favorably with similar work from other States.

In closing this my second biennial report, I am happy to be able to report a marked progress in all the departments in our free school system. Since the commencement of my term of office, four years ago, the teachers have greatly improved in qualifications, the attendance at school has been much larger, the number of schools taught has considerably increased in the State, and the average length of the school term has perceptibly increased. Much greater efficiency has been observed in the discharge of their duties by the school officers generally, and particularly by county superintendents. The finances of the schools have been disbursed more efficiently, and accounted for much more closely. In short, great progress has been made in the development of our free school system.

Very respectfully your obedient servant,

B. W. BYRNE,

State Superintendent of Free Schools.

STATISTICAL TABLES

FOR THE

SCHOOL YEAR ENDING AUGUST 31, 1875.

EXPLANATION OF STATISTICAL TABLES.

TABLE A—Showing the receipts and disbursements of the Teachers' Fund.

TABLE B—Showing the receipts and expenditures of the Building Fund.

TABLE C—Showing the number and value of school houses, &c.

TABLE D—Enrolment of youth between the ages of six and twenty-one years, and number attending school.

TABLE E—Sub-districts, schools and number and grade of certificate.

TABLE F—Number of teachers and number of months taught.

TABLE G—Age of pupils; number studying; number of district officers, and visits from officers.

TABLE H—Amount of district levies; amount of delinquent lists; total receipts and expenditures; balance on hand; apportionment and average cost per pupil.

TABLE I—Showing the apportionment of State School Fund for the school year commencing September 1st, 1874, and September 1st, 1875; the enumeration of youth for the same years, and the amount paid salaries of county superintendents.

FREE SCHOOLS.

TABLE A.
Showing the Receipts and Disbursements of the Teachers' Fund.

COUNTY.	RECEIPTS FOR TEACHERS' FUND.		AGGREGATE SALARIES.		AVERAGE SALARIES.		Total expense.	
			WHITE.		COLORED.			
	From State.	From Levy.	Male.	Female.	Male.	Female.		
Barbour.....	\$1,883 27	\$ 4,562 09	3,624 81	\$ 9,139 87	\$ 1,093 65	\$ 242 00	\$ 10,615 00	
Berkeley.....	1,800 04	3,746 46	10,365 07	9,661 22	2,968 00	818 00	14,072 22	
Boone.....	2,038 03	2,950 45	29 94	4,198 88	695 88	625 00	10,350 00	
Braxton.....	265 78	4,941 33	104 33	6,061 08	846 00	206 00	5,110 76	
Brooke.....	922 41	2,175 16	6,886 81	10,595 76	4,548 87	4,590 50	6,907 08	
Cabell.....	3,659 31	3,930 66	6,850 25	7,179 75	7,029 52	3,810 65	9,189 37	
Calioun.....	560 03	1,537 68	1,301 69	4,096 33	2,325 74	727 00	5,295 25	
Clay.....	1,344 31	1,146 55	1,043 33	123 10	3,637 49	194 00	3,017 96	
Doddridge.....	187 16	3,342 34	1,016 43	8,694 78	5,677 79	1,277 50	2,502 95	
Fayette.....	4,805 11	3,072 41	4,484 55	33 46	12,395 53	9,693 76	1,309 00	
Gilmer.....	405 52*	2,344 93	3,171 97	5,922 42	4,064 88	1,033 79	8,242 76	
Grant.....	606 13	1,747 25	3,680 20	10 38	6,044 46	3,601 48	5,098 67	
Greenbrier.....	1,217 45	4,670 62	11,137 04	1,567 09	18,592 18	10,669 62	4,657 21	
Hanover.....	1,078 86	3,233 64	5,094 33	256 61	9,733 36	5,006 73	13,417 02	
Hampshire.....	1,261 57	1,702 98	4,756 94	600 00	6,030 58	2,897 32	9,195 54	
Hardy.....	842 07	2,050 37	2,556 89	742 47	5,529 33	3,059 56	7,927 90	
Harrison.....	7,012 91	7,483 49	12,012 71	600 00	27,751 49	18,150 77	4,441 77	
Jackson.....	2,958 31	5,187 58	6,024 41	14,170 30	9,027 97	4,954 79	460 00	
Jefferson.....	2,592 83	5,172 60	7,154 47	394 05	15,163 95	7,632 67	133 33	
Kanawha.....	5,252 15	10,869 94	16,154 18	120 00	37,986 77	23,559 13	1,666 20	
Lewis.....	3,307 82	4,411 97	6,229 68	67 55	14,047 02	6,282 60	412 98	
Lincoln.....	1,268 29	4,615 92	4,639 72	8 00	8,600 97	1,128 16	1,600 00	
Marion.....	1,604 13	6,555 42	6,754 75	608 00	2,594 53	5,138 79	280 00	
Marshall.....	4,471 15	8,089 56	10,697 15	528 71	12,787 90	6,632 20	4,172 69	
Mason.....	4,887 65	8,635 60	12,706 69	53 40	25,650 03	14,182 48	5,842 25	
McDowell.....	97 90	9,933 04	1,068 16	2,124 10	1,015 31	7,671 72	480 00	
Mercer.....	284 63	2,370 28	2,042 71	9 00	4,706 76	3,616 41	152 00	
Mineral.....	2,375 08	1,997 07	3,877 66	240 91	8,568 42	3,355 00	2,363 75	
				94 75				

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TABLE A—Continued.

COUNTY.	RECEIPTS FOR TEACHERS' FUND.			SALARIES PAID TEACHERS.			AVERAGE SALARIES.		
	AGGREGATE SALARIES.		Total.	WHITE.		COLORED.	WHITE.		COLORED.
	Male.	Female.		Male.	Female.		Male.	Female.	
Monongalia.....	\$1,205.32	5,747.98	6,953.30	13,468.45	9,732.00	\$ 1,912.00	\$ 11,644.00	\$ 35.40	37.50
Monroe.....	648.64	3,046.55	3,695.20	5,202.84	4,916.92	3,588.00	5,600.00	35.00	38.75
Morgan.....	485.96	1,965.97	2,861.82	2,750	4,617.15	3,930.87	120.00	50.00	50.00
Nicholas.....	888.65	2,624.12	2,693.90	1,404.46	11,331.76	6,701.54	3,547.00	63.00	63.00
Ohio.....	1,826.85	4,122.87	6,822.45	6.67	2,547.38	2,026.45	90.00	50.00	50.00
Pendleton.....	210.87	1,355.12	1,654.17	2,716.91	5,873.40	2,046.25	2,165.25	270.00	270.00
Pleasants.....	1,483.52	1,654.17	3,198.87	18.80	6,916.17	3,123.56	663.00	14.00	14.00
Pocahontas.....	2,082.74	1,639.56	3,198.87	10,677.21	14,925.51	17,471.75	1,590.00	37.25	38.50
Preston.....	1,362.13	6,425.51	8.80	12,393.99	7,125.23	7,125.00	1,725.00	35.00	35.00
Putnam.....	1,768.40	8,611.47	6,509.74	503.78	5,434.14	4,555.21	322.74	210.00	210.00
Raleigh.....	747.75	3,117.45	2,968.94	480.94	8,234.16	4,700.30	1,768.86	86.00	86.00
Randolph.....	1,373.32	2,455.75	3,814.15	110.00	13,983.92	7,124.13	4,287.39	11.00	11.00
Ritchie.....	2,222.92	4,231.83	7,639.67	3,903.86	3,371.05	7,052.63	4,888.74	88.50	88.50
Roane.....	768.12	2,903.86	3,371.05	86.63	6,362.64	5,062.63	86.00	15.00	15.00
Summers.....	928.58	2,394.32	2,394.32	1,041.72	9,944.66	11,632.91	6,659.97	30.15	30.15
Taylor.....	1,673.52	4,653.52	4,653.52	1,076.00	1,193.00	1,193.00	8,568.10	16.00	16.00
Tucker.....	1,282.80	4,022.58	4,318.16	4,022.58	3,551.80	2,847.00	2,250.00	25.00	25.00
Tyler.....	1,159.90	3,689.13	4,059.60	3,340.00	8,340.73	6,255.45	1,170.00	30.00	30.00
Upshur.....	416.00	100.00	100.00	4,488.00	480.79	9,419.32	3,217.43	28.00	28.00
Wayne.....	180.00	809.74	524.54	1,827.73	8,244.00	2,125.00	471.00	102.00	102.00
Webster.....	1,827.73	4,663.01	5,843.42	5,843.42	1,334.28	501.75	118.75	118.75	118.75
Weston.....	1,174.65	2,022.26	3,655.61	3,655.61	12,331.16	8,090.77	1,883.86	1,883.86	1,883.86
Wirt.....	1,385.57	8,009.69	21,997.79	224.76	6,951.05	4,279.33	948.00	45.00	45.00
Wood.....	2,627.77	905.62	825.82	825.82	12,115.93	14,532.13	435.00	730.00	730.00
Wheeling City.....	4,477.32	10,763.91	36,665.43	642.20	52,518.86	7,700.00	25,370.00	800.00	800.00
City of Mart'sburg.....	944.73	1,844.18	6,830.40	1,000.00	23.00	10,612.31	3,222.00	4,070.00	4,070.00
Grand Total.....	\$90,732.01	\$1,098,611.36	\$335,091.78	\$4,545.91	\$8,536.81	\$46,739.19	\$350,152.54	\$14,410.60	\$10,540.28

TABLE

Showing the Receipts and

COUNTY.	RECEIPTS FOR THE BUILDING FUND.					EXPENDITURES				
	Balance on hand at beginning of school year.	From Levy for Building Fund.	From other sources for Building Fund	Total.	For Land.	For Houses.	For Rent.	For Repairs.		
Barbour.....	\$ 391 27	\$ 44,512 32	\$ 11 75	\$ 4,915 24	\$ 1,106 90	\$ 216 65	\$ 321 06			
Berkeley.....	1,087 09	3,075 03	495 51	4,165 12	40 00	99 35	216 65	804 83		
Boone.....	223 80	2 50	721 81			75 00		141 90		
Braxton.....	112 19	4,401 15	124 73	4,638 07	31 50	3,831 31	14 00	81 23		
Brooke.....	294 90	2,067 64	30 44	2,392 98			157 13	14 00	168 07	
Cabell.....	887 56	5,660 29	429 25	6,977 10	1,014 13	1,319 31	226 24	881 83		
Calhoun.....	129 06	1,373 30	176 47	1,678 77	5 00	1,108 79		27 58		
Clay.....	507 66	1,479 05		1,986 71	15 00	56 00		67 60		
Doddridge.....	806 92	1,582 75	4 85	2,094 52		112 00	28 00	425 25		
Fayette.....	1,594 23	1,954 49		3,545 72		1,107 00	85 00	152 88		
Gilmer.....	358 40	1,875 34	181 52	2,415 26		1,282 65		82 40		
Grant.....	341 49	1,660 14	52 65	2,054 28	106 00	505 88	20 50	141 12		
Greenbrier.....	371 69	4,184 13	650 92	5,206 74	20 00	1,659 38	69 90	864 24		
Hampshire.....	439 39	2,790 84		3,230 23		1,651 89	18 50	175 60		
Hancock.....	209 64	2,988 17		3,197 81		973 35	100 00	340 56		
Hardy.....	437 20	1,540 42		1,977 62		233 00	23 13	73 77		
Harrison.....	1,889 96	6,124 56	922 10	8,936 62	29 37	1,676 30	42 00	1,682 68		
Jackson.....	185 48	4,885 35		5,067 83		887 74	20 00	331 18		
Jefferson.....	1,754 14	3,227 56	149 72	5,131 42	100 00	200 00	365 30	1,155 27		
Kanawha.....	8,378 05	11,157 15	1,259 91	15,795 11	975 00	1,808 06	172 00	2,231 99		
Lewis.....	801 06	5,717 19	47 61	6,565 86	465 33	2,983 95	40 00	459 01		
Lincoln.....		2,619 96		2,619 96	5 00	1,082 00		119 45		
Logan.....	227 72	662 40		860 12	32 00	353 25		9 00		
Marion.....	525 40	8,065 47	1,136 26	9,731 48	316 35	3,586 74	700 00	1,206 15		
Marshall.....	8,326 50	10,490 01	4,151 02	17,967 53	40 00	8,256 03		1,888 62		
Mason.....	2,512 72	8,855 99	902 08	12,270 79	538 33	3,853 90		1,624 76		
McDowell.....		66 54		66 54		100 00	5 00	8 00		
Mercer.....	72 80	1,164 26		1,236 56		150 00	46 25	17 20		
Mineral.....	3,204 96	3,661 91	204 34	7,071 21	90 00	3,564 61	24 00	305 18		
Monongalia.....	916 36	1,819 62		2,735 68	20 00		15 00	170 29		
Monroe.....	221 21	1,415 47		1,636 68		1,057 70	88 50	142 80		
Morgan.....	1,199 09	2,727 97		3,927 06		800 00	30 00	101 80		
Nicholas.....	240 71	1,914 77		2,155 48		286 23		120 85		
Ohio.....	1,804 98	4,143 59	100 00	6,046 57		2,625 90		619 11		
Pendleton.....	79 91	654 29	49 00	783 20		362 75		69 28		
Pleasants.....	846 39	1,456 07	56 52	2,358 98	25 00	1,401 00		158 92		
Pocahontas.....	134 66	1,693 08		1,827 74	41 46	1,128 50		17 86		
Preston.....	2,738 70	4,223 00	2,295 36	9,257 06	56 00	3,085 28		517 36		
Putnam.....	272 07	3,024 10	183 93	3,480 10	25 00	1,078 10	15 25	153 91		
Raleigh.....	96 00	2,388 97		2,479 97		1,472 56	18 00	56 56		
Randolph.....	377 17	2,892 27	196 94	3,472 38	15 00	1,151 00		513 17		
Ritchie.....	1,187 38	7,097 29		8,284 67	65 00	2,186 10	16 69	306 06		
Roane.....	389 75	1,772 10	70 00	2,231 85		1,365 75	183 15	123 15		
Summers.....	213 68	2,325 94		2,539 62	25 00	1,440 50	96 50	57 50		
Taylor.....	1,188 14	3,675 75		4,863 89		2,760 46	9 00	868 71		
Tucker.....	1,032 89	1,316 04		2,844 93		600 00	5 00	190 00		
Tyler.....		2,297 23		2,297 25		44 61	10 00	165 22		
Upshur.....	1,180 85	2,575 80	39 28	3,795 93		1,222 13	8 00	106 48		
Wayne.....				100 00		795 00		40 00		
Webster.....		485 56		485 56			2 00	113 50		
Wetzel.....	1,224 09	5,561 28	300 00	7,085 37	22 87	3,859 25	31 06	227 91		
Wirt.....	46 08	2,562 67		2,606 75	84 40	1,239 50		104 81		
Wood.....	1,622 10	10,156 63	295 67	12,068 40		2,068 15	117 00	1,881 01		
Wyoming.....	2,264 55	751 29		3,015 84	72 00	694 00		215 55		
City of Wheel'g.	3,388 46	21,899 25	144 00	25,431 71		18,418 63	550 00	2,867 45		
" Mart'sb'g	944 73	6,830 45		7,775 18	9,700 00	11,512 00		314 12		
Total.....	\$49,681 02	\$205,998 20	\$14,168 82	\$269,848 04	\$14,070 74	\$106,976 64	\$3,422 52	\$24,331 82		

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B.

Expenditures of the Building Fund.

OF THE BUILDING FUND.

\$	For Fuel.	For Furniture.	For Apparatus.	For Interest.	Commissions.	For Enrolment.	Sweeping Building and Making Fires.	Paid Secretary of Board.	Contingent Expenses.	Total.
513 83	219 37	\$ 94 89	13 85	\$ 260 15	\$ 139 79	\$ 82 00	\$ 474 85	\$ 190 05	\$ 156 67	\$ 2,468 61
904 83	49 89	13 85	6 70	538 26	84 50	193 37	210 00	219 50	8,381 73	
229 96	.....	34 00	.....	46 09	62 00	.....	155 80	26 28	771 03	
289 19	51 80	.....	54 91	140 86	41 50	.....	127 50	401 40	5,046 25	
517 85	.....	143 04	174 05	50 00	584 95	85 00	136 22	2,030 31		
620 84	182 11	1,320 50	50 00	576 25	83 00	227 95	210 00	203 08	6,415 24	
98 30	117 50	25 00	109 16	47 50	8 00	147 00	2 85	1 50	1,691 68	
184 37	19 00	44 40	6 61	57 38	63 65	36 40	105 00	118 94	2,516 95	
609 58	63 50	.....	12 00	858 12	80 00	256 01	156 00	67 70	8 00	2,185 17
425 33	187 14	5 75	.....	197 46	71 05	13 40	155 00	251 22	1,972 95	
228 35	62 74	86 93	.....	71 08	17 00	8 80	125 00	153 04	1,382 44	
176 07	82 18	.....	4 25	50 65	33 25	2 00	57 50	349 26	4,307 52	
444 44	163 95	12 90	.....	222 95	108 50	77 00	315 00	420 00	2,567 80	12,024 32
308 95	25 85	14 00	26 57	165 05	103 00	81 75	212 50	192 50	6,099 33	
392 22	164 19	.....	209 12	115 80	32 00	304 80	90 00	293 17	3,015 21	
269 03	69 98	.....	.....	171 35	46 06	2 40	146 00	103 99	1,133 25	
858 25	176 75	13 17	.....	604 00	132 15	988 61	330 00	850 39	7,383 67	
745 11	46 75	16 00	17 34	196 55	82 50	96 00	200 00	251 22	2,890 39	
630 79	199 34	13 75	.....	516 37	96 00	259 52	175 00	299 74	4,011 08	
1,241 92	916 80	87 45	344 46	630 79	214 00	514 03	420 00	2,567 80	12,024 32	
695 95	213 13	21 50	88 03	197 37	83 50	684 15	170 00	97 41	6,496 33	
80 50	31 00	73 00	.....	107 24	67 25	8 00	200 00	107 71	1,884 15	
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	40 00	.....	81 00	.....	412 25	
946 30	1,459 62	90 00	124 39	875 67	90 00	930 50	250 00	491 86	16,567 58	
1,996 86	1,278 99	10 00	477 79	959 56	125 50	839 65	275 00	1,247 58	16,895 88	
1,309 11	1,052 68	14 20	256 35	530 28	125 60	859 40	322 50	221 25	10,708 36	
.....	80	12 64	174 54	53 00	10 00	180 00	85 00	32 00	306 86	
215 68	65 33	29 95	.....	143 53	57 00	118 11	190 00	365 68	5,169 65	
687 72	10 00	.....	299 48	96 15	427 46	215 00	28 00	1,969 19		
381 39	58 11	.....	58 11	174 69	74 75	22 50	200 00	239 14	2,431 14	
173 36	18 12	.....	12 00	343 95	55 50	121 10	180 00	85 07	1,920 90	
182 93	75	.....	.....	116 09	61 00	4 50	184 35	340 92	1,296 64	
522 36	6 45	.....	710 22	45 69	48 00	349 00	195 00	178 54	5,900 27	
24 75	34 38	.....	78 47	29 00	2 00	100 00	94 98	75 61		
245 55	10 00	14 85	129 33	25 06	117 90	160 00	146 29	2,433 90		
113 20	199 38	.....	131 82	57 50	10 00	100 00	20 60	1,819 81		
572 29	122 00	88 00	1,114 84	448 04	126 50	383 50	277 50	308 73	6,900 04	
493 14	813 88	.....	233 70	84 00	169 40	225 00	66 25	2,857 63		
64 45	.....	.....	60 58	67 50	.....	170 00	89 87	1,999 52		
820 54	66 65	29 11	14 48	201 08	81 00	81 63	215 00	81 45	2,770 11	
640 23	718 32	3 50	.....	62 05	100 40	229 00	180 00	1,359 71	5,848 08	
18 00	140 80	141 50	96 25	95 40	62 00	.....	145 00	110 29	2,413 65	
58 79	140 59	3 85	.....	92 50	39 00	.....	175 00	3 00	1,980 42	
435 74	221 68	81 50	145 05	189 51	56 51	259 10	175 00	128 06	4,830 32	
126 50	15 00	.....	25 00	29 70	35 00	8 00	95 00	.....	1,129 20	
471 71	12 58	.....	.....	202 35	62 50	225 63	161 66	27 46	1,403 72	
421 42	145 90	29 68	.....	96 60	69 25	368 40	157 00	500 17	3,125 03	
75 00	.....	.....	.....	15 00	5 00	70 00	11 00	1,111 00		
100 63	50 00	.....	.....	.....	32 00	75	66 50	70	366 08	
969 47	.....	340 00	113 98	267 91	94 50	146 85	150 50	66 46	6,290 76	
338 00	50 65	17 00	142 57	276 51	38 55	54 80	230 00	417 50	2,994 29	
1,491 61	200 47	28 15	170 35	1,103 31	123 47	788 55	275 00	1,753 94	10,005 41	
56 50	75 00	3 48	.....	303 48	37 00	25 00	120 00	.....	1,602 01	
1,096 61	70 74	.....	.....	1,597 45	140 00	1,652 00	580 00	4,341 32	31 244 20	
548 16	1,472 05	.....	728 00	437 82	25 00	440 00	125 00	862 94	25,665 09	
\$25,478 16	\$11,055 80	\$2,796 92	\$4,887 96	\$15,124 31	\$3,947 59	\$18,421 24	\$10,116 36	\$19,603 23	\$255,233 29	

FREE SCHOOLS.

TABLE C.
Showing the number and value of School Houses, &c.

COUNTY.	SCHOOL HOUSES.						VALUE OF SCHOOL PROPERTY						No. of volumes in library.
	Frame.	Stone.	Brick.	Log.	Whole Number.	Number not yet completed.	Number built this year.	Furniture.	Library.	Apparatus.	Total value of school property.		
Burke.	61	12	73	1	73	1	3	\$1,163 00	\$72 00	\$206 00	\$2,900 00		
Burke.	33	9	52	4	2,197 00	23,500 00	4	419 00	\$63 00	60 00	26,230 00		
Burke.	1	37	38	3	445 00	6,200 00	1	175 00	.....	.....	6,820 00	
Boone.	25	39	64	7	292 50	19,704 30	50 00	50 00	.....	.....	19,986 80	
Braxton.	21	5	26	7	3,649 00	57,036 00	665 00	600 00	111 00	62,121 00	500		
Brooks.	15	32	50	1	4,321 00	20,171 50	1,473 25	1,473 25	.....	.....	26,365 75	
Calhoun.	6	26	32	4	246 00	9,900 00	905 00	905 00	.....	.....	11,122 00	
Clay.	23	23	1	1	110 00	4,360 00	21 00	21 00	.....	.....	4,482 00	
Doddridge.	13	61	3	2	1,064 50	22,012 00	1,894 36	1,894 36	.....	.....	212 00	
Fayette.	15	67	62	6	542 00	10,638 00	1,313 00	1,313 00	.....	.....	49 75	
Gilmor.	7	39	46	2	365 00	8,715 00	512 49	512 49	.....	.....	10,007 42	
Grant.	17	19	40	2	718 00	13,253 00	1,500 00	1,500 00	3 00	.....	15,474 00	
Greenbrier.	34	1	38	73	1	1,531 00	23,510 68	1,571 30	1,571 30	16 90	
Hanover.	39	1	22	62	2	1,576 00	18,244 44	1,380 86	1,380 86	26,628 83	
Hancock.	19	8	22	2	1,447 00	22,962 00	1,105 00	1,105 00	171 00	186 00	26,244 50		
Hardy.	4	8	30	37	1,445 00	14,525 00	1,200 00	1,200 00	.....	.....	26,850 00	
Harrison.	99	1	4	104	2	3,389 00	60,305 00	2,857 90	2,857 90	17,220 00	
Jackson.	45	44	89	90	2,015 00	29,555 00	508 75	508 75	.....	.....	72 17	
Jefferson.	9	2	14	5	2,120 00	9,860 00	1,504 30	1,504 30	.....	.....	51 00	
Kanawha.	64	2	60	126	9	3,500 00	53,884 51	6,751 51	6,751 51	390 00	1,239 50	65,765 51	
Lewis.	48	1	28	77	1	2,340 00	29,810 00	1,380 86	1,380 86	65 00	
Lincoln.	5	49	54	1	413 80	12,265 00	369 00	369 00	.....	.....	218 50	
Logan.	16	21	4	1	42 00	2,045 00	240 00	240 00	.....	.....	13,316 30	
Marion.	88	2	2	92	1	3,762 00	65,904 00	4,832 10	4,832 10	74,327 00	
Mason.	71	1	2	15	89	3	5,305 60	83,245 00	4,877 00	4,877 00	432 00	74,909 00	
McDowell.	53	4	39	96	2	48,727 50	3,460 00	410 00	410 00	92,314 00	
Mercer.	43	20	20	2	415 00	4,190 00	415 00	415 00	415 00	415 00	57,493 49		
	42	42	42	42	42	42	42	42	42	42	4,606 00		

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TABLE C—Continued.

COUNTY.	SCHOOL HOUSES.		VALUE OF SCHOOL PROPERTY.						No. of volumes in library.					
	Frame.	Brick.	Log.	Stone.	Brock.	Whole Number.	Number not yet completed.	Number built this year.		Furniture.	Library.	Apparatus.	Total value of school property.	
Mineral.....	20	3	6	29	1	1,429	53	\$18,938	80	\$1,744	22	\$136	\$22,212	
Monongalia.....	77	1	18	58	1	2,014	00	66,912	90	476	90	14,081	50	
Monroe.....	87	1	6	25	2	1,032	60	12,522	00	877	16	8,816	66	
Morgan.....	19	.....	.....	69	50	7,780	00	10,940	00	205	00	11,320	25
Nicholas.....	10	.....	38	48	1	165	00	38,049	00	4,877	50	301	85
Ohio.....	82	1	.....	27	47	2,465	00	7,762	00	449	00	31	00
Pendleton.....	20	.....	28	1	2	850	00	5,750	00	50	00	10,110	60
Pleasants.....	25	2	18	40	4	866	00	7,990	00	320	00	8,817	00	
Pocahontas.....	20	2	113	2	3	2,225	00	48,865	00	750	00	51,970	00	
Preston.....	110	1	32	50	2	1,067	00	14,337	00	1,028	00	16,455	00	
Putnam.....	17	1	32	57	1	204	00	7,989	00	16	00	7,419	00	
Raleigh.....	24	.....	57	1	7	789	50	11,642	10	873	25	20	00
Randolph.....	17	.....	23	45	6	1,351	00	23,005	00	1,050	00	232	00
Ritchie.....	35	.....	44	79	4	1,065	00	10,670	00	965	00	26,390	00
Ross.....	15	45	69	2	6	265	00	7,718	00	3	00	12,180	00
Summers.....	9	.....	23	31	5	4,475	00	37,860	00	1,880	00	261	00
Taylor.....	44	2	1	47	2	1	1,036	00	5,440	00	15	00	126	00
Tucker.....	9	.....	6	15	5	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	6,540	00
Tyler.....	52	1	14	67	1	1,177	00	29,390	00	471	00	180	00	
Upshur.....	59	3	62	4	1	5	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	31,218	00
Wayne.....	3	.....	68	71	2	5	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,570	00
Webster.....	2	.....	5	15	7	50	00	1,230	00	20,865	00	27,286	16
Weitzel.....	48	1	26	75	4	965	65	18,667	00	844	50	180	00	
Wirt.....	29	8	87	3	3	19,232	00	76,990	00	2,709	00	20,577	15
Wood.....	92	3	8	163	3	1	32	00	1,185	00	2	00	56,502	95
Wyoming.....	1	29	30	3	1	47,500	00	143,568	63	1,570	74	1,224	50
Wheeling City.....	.....	8	.....	8	1	14,860	00	22,560	00	2,400	00	1,000	00
Martinsburg City.....	1	4	.....	5	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	203,439	37
Grand Total of all the Counties.....	1,630	10	83	1,236	57	\$164,469	68	\$1,368,681	81	\$73,368	26	\$1,427	16	
													\$1,665,627	
													15	
													722	

*Value of property in Wayne county not given.

FREE SCHOOLS.

TABLE D.

Enrolment of Youth between the ages of six and twenty-one, and number attending School.

COUNTY.	NUMBER ATTENDING SCHOOL.						DAILY AVERAGE ATTENDANCE.		
	WHITE.			COLORED.			WHITE.		COLORED.
	Male.	Female.	Total.	Male.	Female.	Total.	Male.	Female.	Total.
Whole Number.									
Barbour.....	1896	1807	74	75	2060	1882	3733	149	3942
Berkeley.....	2133	2124	263	215	2339	4457	478	4935	1114
Boone.....	906	772	26	37	962	819	1678	63	1741
Braxton.....	1430	1400	24	11	1454	1411	2430	35	2865
Brooke.....	965	936	18	20	983	956	1901	38	1933
Cabell.....	1739	1578	56	55	1855	1614	3977	94	3471
Clay.....	5665	492	.....	2	5655	492	1067	.....	1067
Calhoun.....	744	706	22	2	744	707	1449	2	1451
Doddridge.....	1612	1422	4	5	1616	1427	3134	9	3043
Fayette.....	1420	1269	39	37	1459	1306	2689	76	2765
Gilmer.....	1044	1027	3	3	1047	1030	2071	6	2077
Grant.....	802	673	63	58	865	731	1475	121	1566
Greenbrier.....	1876	1771	229	216	1986	1864	3647	414	4991
Hampshire.....	1402	1270	102	87	1384	1353	2672	187	2859
Hancock.....	862	800	8	8	870	800	1662	8	1700
Hardy.....	921	859	125	97	1046	956	1780	222	2002
Harrison.....	3190	3014	144	118	3334	3132	62094	262	6466
Jackson.....	2380	2148	35	25	2415	2171	4528	58	4586
Jefferson.....	1768	1701	591	521	2359	2229	3469	1112	4551
Kanawha.....	4294	4098	417	451	4711	4549	8892	868	9269
Lewis.....	1945	1844	33	35	1978	1877	3789	66	3835
Lincoln.....	1185	1125	3	3	1188	1128	2510	6	2316
Logan.....	1000	952	132	100	952	952	1952	245	1952
Marion.....	2989	2693	13	17	2692	2711	5682	30	5712
Marshall.....	3109	2964	13	7	3122	2911	6013	20	6033
Mason.....	3440	3231	93	90	3533	3321	6671	183	6854
McDowell.....	432	440	49	452	592	592	892	236	147
Mercer.....	1054	966	39	37	1063	953	2010	76	2086
Mineral.....	950	859	68	60	1018	919	1809	128	1987

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TABLE D—Continued.

COUNTY.	NUMBER ATTENDING SCHOOL.						DAILY AVERAGE ATTENDANCE.					
	WHITE.			COLORED.			WHITE.			COLORED.		
	Male.	Female.	Total.	Male.	Female.	Total.	Male.	Female.	Total.	Male.	Female.	Total.
Monongalia.....	2383	36	2522	2406	46859	59	4946	2025	1602	3827	1406	1066
Monroe.....	1633	1600	3233	1600	3253	39	3153	1175	906	2081	66	73
Morgan.....	812	654	21	18	833	1	1466	672	1048	459	1018	2220
Nicholas.....	1048	906	8	7	1056	913	1954	15	1969	729	564	1230
Oakland.....	1155	1146	18	12	1173	1158	2301	30	2331	713	629	1293
Pendleton.....	1254	1245	16	15	1270	1260	2489	31	2530	654	593	1256
Peasants.....	807	694	3	2	810	695	1501	5	1506	597	475	1011
Pocahontas.....	726	634	31	40	757	674	1560	71	1620	698	444	1072
Preston.....	3013	2707	25	19	3038	2756	5720	44	5764	2647	1939	4616
Putnam.....	1591	1474	63	60	1634	1534	3065	12	3188	977	822	1739
Raleigh.....	1129	1048	12	7	1141	1055	2177	19	2196	780	622	1402
Randolph.....	1231	1049	13	12	1244	1064	2280	28	2308	902	714	1616
Ritchie.....	1580	1765	4	4	1984	1769	3745	8	3753	1455	1268	2663
Roane.....	1576	1576	11	7	1714	1583	3273	18	3297	1133	990	2033
Sherman.....	1054	939	61	58	1113	997	1993	119	2112	741	583	1380
Taylor.....	1730	1633	65	50	1736	1688	3363	115	3173	1216	939	2205
Tucker.....	470	497	2	4	472	501	967	6	973	389	342	731
Tyler.....	1654	1659	2	4	1636	1673	3363	6	3363	1269	1298	2567
Upshur.....	1581	1566	31	27	1632	1533	3087	58	3145	1319	1119	2488
Wayne.....	2023	1870	25	20	2048	1890	3893	45	3838	1870	1086	2456
Webster.....	400	357	.....	400	357	.....	757	264	267	471	9	12
Wetzel.....	2234	1931	.....	2234	1931	.....	4165	1709	1262	2971	.....	4165
Wirt.....	962	882	2	4	964	886	1844	6	1850	636	559	1195
Wood.....	3855	3686	108	112	3958	3798	7541	215	7756	2473	2106	4579
Wyoming.....	686	617	13	10	699	627	1303	23	1326	339	245	584
Wheeling City.....	4483	4276	82	74	4565	4450	8859	156	9015	491	396	4104
Total.....	90,203	88,714	31,130	28,560	93,343	86,862	175,917	5980	179,897	58,572	49,361	396,933
												1547
												1300
												117,845
												40,756
												32,639
												74,563
												1564
												851,1905

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TABLE E.

Sub-Districts, Schools and Number and Grade of Certificates.

COUNTY.	DISTRICTS.		SCHOOLS.			EXAMINATION AND GRADE OF CERTIFICATE.						
	Number Districts.	Number of Sub-Dist's.	High.	Graded.	Common.	Total.	No. 1.	No. 2.	No. 3.	No. 4.	No. 5.	Number Granted.
							No. 1.	No. 2.	No. 3.	No. 4.	No. 5.	Number Rejected.
Barbour.....	8	74		76	76	38	13	1	1	1	1	78
Berkeley.....	6	44		52	52	14	25	9	11	4	37	63
Boone.....	5	38		41	41	15	10	12	12	12	12	37
Braxton.....	5	65		70	70	20	25	22	7	5	5	79
Brooke.....	3	25		2	24	26	26	12	1	1	1	40
Cabell.....	7	53		2	56	58	6	39	20	11	1	76
Calhoun.....	5	36		35	35	9	6	6	5	1	27	2
Clay.....	4	21		26	26	16	10	5	5	3	3	31
Doddridge.....	8	64		1	65	66	3	25	18	3	3	78
Fayette.....	5	73		73	73	13	25	23	7	1	1	69
Gilmer.....	5	51		52	52	18	18	14	3	1	1	54
Grant.....	5	39		2	39	41	3	7	17	7	4	38
Greenbrier.....	10	76		1	90	91	32	27	14	9	4	86
Hampshire.....	7	56		70	70	14	28	19	6	5	5	72
Hancock.....	4	22		8	20	28	6	22	24	3	3	55
Hardy.....	4	15		45	45	1	35	8	4	4	4	48
Harrison.....	13	100		3	105	108	30	59	38	2	3	132
Jackson.....	7	92		2	93	95	20	24	20	14	4	82
Jefferson.....	7	26		33	33	24	7	9	2	2	2	44
Kanawha.....	12	127	* 1	3	132	136	61	63	6	6	6	130
Lewis.....	6	79		1	80	81	22	21	24	6	6	79
Lincoln.....	8	54		54	54	5	25	8	8	3	3	58
Logan.....	5	55		22	22	11	11	19	3	3	3	47
Marion.....	8	89	1	4	89	94	29	48	41	5	2	125
Marshall.....	10	89	3	3	87	90	29	33	3	3	3	65
Mason.....	12	91		6	91	97	29	66	54	9	9	158
McDowell.....	3	13		20	20	4	12	5	2	2	2	46
Mercer.....	5	51		53	53	22	18	8	8	3	3	51
Mineral.....	6	33		1	27	28	11	17	5	2	1	36
Monongalia.....	8	77		1	77	78	59	19	19	19	19	78
Monroe.....	7	66		1	84	85	34	20	6	6	1	67
Morgan.....	6	28		28	28	9	7	8	3	3	3	27
Nicholas.....	6	49		49	49	9	13	13	6	2	2	43
Ohio.....	6	32		30	30	20	10	10	10	10	10	30
Pendleton.....	6	50		50	50	6	25	23	10	4	4	68
Pleasants.....	6	28		1	27	28	10	11	5	4	3	30
Pocahontas.....	4	42		44	44	44	16	16	5	1	1	38
Preston.....	9	111	2	1	108	111	65	35	5	5	5	105
Putnam.....	7	52		1	53	54	10	32	17	2	2	61
Raleigh.....	7	61		60	60	8	9	10	9	13	13	49
Randolph.....	9	56		55	55	12	10	19	6	2	2	49
Ritchie.....	5	82		1	81	82	11	35	29	15	7	97
Roane.....	8	78		78	78	4	34	30	7	3	3	75
Summers.....	5	60		62	62	9	13	18	9	5	5	54
Taylor.....	7	44		4	47	51	26	28	12	12	12	66
Tucker.....	3	25		26	26	6	8	7	1	2	2	24
Tyler.....	57	3	56	59	19	22	23	23	23	2	2	66
Upshur.....	6	66	2	65	67	14	25	21	17	12	89	89
Wayne.....	6	74	1	71	72	13	24	22	11	5	5	75
Webster.....	3	12		22	22	7	7	7	2	2	2	23
Wetzel.....	6	75		74	74	48	28	7	3	3	3	86
Wirt.....	7	38	1	34	35	24	15	9	2	1	1	51
Wood.....	11	97	2	11	101	114	68	44	24	2	1	139
Wyoming.....	5	31		37	37	1	6	14	20	20	20	41
Wheeling City.....	8	8		8	8	37	38	38	38	38	38	75
Martinsburg City.....		5		5	5	17	5	5	5	5	5	22
Total.....	310	2634	8	64	2734	2806	965	1070	726	247	124	3132

*The number of schools in Kanawha county was not given in this year. The number here given is the number reported last year.

FREE SCHOOLS.

TABLE F.
Number of Teachers, and Number of Months Taught.

COUNTY.	TEACHERS.		MONTHS TAUGHT.					
	WHITE.		COLORED.		BY WHITE.		BY COLORED.	
	Male.	Female.	Male.	Female.	Male.	Female.	Male.	Female.
Barbour.....	46	12	68	2	62	151	32	243
Berkeley.....	87	12	49	4	56	275	83	358
Boone.....	41	5	46	2	48	122	19	141
Braxton.....	63	10	73	2	73	219	32	251
Brooke.....	17	17	34	1	34	110	116	226
Cabell.....	42	20	62	2	64	177	101	278
Calhoun.....	27	10	87	1	37	79	27	106
Clay.....	49	3	80	1	30	82	7	89
Doddridge.....	49	8	67	1	68	173	86	209
Fayette.....	65	14	79	1	79	245	49	274
Gilmer.....	45	8	53	1	53	141	27	168
Grant.....	34	8	42	3	3	45	117	119
Greenbrier.....	78	12	90	6	6	96	319	311
Hanover.....	49	21	70	2	2	72	162	80
Hancock.....	16	12	28	1	28	108	85	183
Hardy.....	33	14	47	1	1	48	129	53
Harrison.....	100	27	127	3	3	130	443	126
Jackson.....	75	23	98	1	1	90	96	102
Jefferson.....	22	11	35	8	3	11	44	91
Kanawha.....	120	32	162	10	8	13	165	623
Lewis.....	18	18	89	1	1	1	90	290
Lincoln.....	47	4	61	1	1	61	176	16
Logan.....	20	1	21	1	1	21	59	8
Morgan.....	50	25	105	1	1	105	383	124
Marshall.....	68	32	100	1	1	100	918	152
Mason.....	72	40	112	4	4	116	824	133
McDowell.....	20	10	50	2	2	20	41	41
Mercer.....	40	10	50	2	2	62	152	43

General Average No. of Months Taught.

Whole Number.

Total.

Male.

Female.

Total.

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TABLE F—Continued.

COUNTY.	TEACHERS.		MONTHS TAUGHT.					
	WHITE.		COLORED.		BY WHITE.		BY COLORED.	
	Male.	Female.	Male.	Female.	Male.	Female.	Male.	Female.
Mineral.....	17	13	39	2	32	80	61	141
Monongalia.....	72	10	82	2	82	282	56	338
Monroe.....	66	7	73	4	77	274	31	320
Morgan.....	24	4	28	4	28	101	16	117
Nicholas.....	47	2	49	1	49	169	6	175
Ohio.....	22	20	42	1	43	126	100	226
Pendleton.....	49	1	50	1	50	145	4	149
Peasants.....	14	15	29	1	29	65	72	137
Pocahontas.....	34	10	44	4	48	137	37	174
Preston.....	104	15	118	2	118	403	60	463
Putnam.....	45	10	65	2	67	183	47	230
Raleigh.....	54	6	60	1	60	186	14	200
Randolph.....	43	14	57	1	57	154	51	205
Kittie.....	52	36	88	1	88	204	140	344
Roane.....	55	11	66	1	67	21	1	344
Summers.....	68	13	81	1	1	83	208	306
Taylor.....	41	16	57	3	57	153	88	271
Tucker.....	25	3	28	1	28	81	10	91
Tyler.....	54	10	64	1	64	36	205	241
Upshur.....	41	29	70	1	70	166	109	275
Wayne.....	71	14	85	1	86	235	56	291
Webster.....	19	2	21	1	21	58	4	62
Wetzel.....	59	16	75	1	75	236	64	300
Wirt.....	32	10	42	1	42	125	31	156
Wood.....	59	60	119	1	122	289	97	664
Wroning.....	28	1	29	1	29	75	5	102
Wheeling City.....	6	12	18	1	20	51	104	700
Martinsburg.....	2604	767	3371	73	17	90	3461	10,180
Total.....	2604	767	3371	73	17	90	3461	10,180
							13765	13765
							321	321
							74	74
							395	395
							14150	14150

FREE SCHOOLS.

TABLE G.
Age of Pupils, Number Studying, Number of District Officers, and Visits from Officers.

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TABLE G—Continued.

COUNTRY.	AVERAGE AGE OF PUPILS.		NUMBER OF PUPILS STUDYING.										OFFICER.	VISITS.	
	Male.	Female.	Genl Averge.	Orthography.	Reading.	Writing.	Arithmete.	Geograph.	Bethn.	Gramm.	History.	Algebra.	Other Branches.	Supervised-Sch.	Total.
Monongalia.....	12.00	11.00	11.60	31,50	60,94	23,87	25,92	22,58	954	1,203	635	161	65	82	216
Monroe.....	11.50	11.00	11.35	3	371	3	193	3	16	3	32	3	3	23	297
Morgan.....	10.58	10.95	649	687	528	384	437	290	65	3	31	10	10	18	56
Nichols.....	11.20	11.20	11.90	3	268	3	633	3	44	3	236	111	143	49	140
Ohio.....	10.80	10.00	10.25	1004	867	614	699	428	44	4	9	208	62	10	111
Pendleton.....	11.00	11.50	11.60	3	93	3	82	3	44	3	24	10	2	6	30
Pleasants.....	12.00	10.20	11.25	566	674	516	480	207	240	9	225	106	12	28	32
Pocahontas.....	12.15	12.00	12.07	40,656	38,660	30,239	27,355	1726	1656	1186	333	116	9	24	86
Preston.....	12.00	11.00	11.50	1660	1213	645	608	265	220	69	20	20	6	82	224
Putnam.....	12.00	12.00	12.00	32,30	32,30	32,30	32,30	32,30	32,30	32,30	32,30	32,30	32,30	32,30	32,30
Raleigh.....	12.33	11.30	12.00	1261	1653	740	635	271	302	65	5	66	7	14	147
Randolph.....	11.60	12.40	11.90	2078	1842	1089	966	428	220	61	1	19	5	15	365
Ritchie.....	12.00	12.00	12.00	1830	1820	818	786	123	241	21	6	5	15	15	49
Roane.....	12.34	10.85	11.59	973	827	558	371	101	190	17	17	17	5	15	40
Summers.....	12.50	11.55	12.00	1517	1310	1273	1061	362	411	141	25	25	7	7	197
Taylor.....	15.00	11.66	13.33	731	602	518	230	140	62	39	39	26	3	9	108
Tucker.....	12.68	11.42	11.75	661	688	517	439	167	128	32	32	32	6	18	108
Upshur.....	11.80	11.20	11.50	2397	1984	1224	1127	311	323	80	80	80	52	6	179
Wayne.....	14.00	14.00	14.00	11,02	732	500	298	142	136	19	19	19	5	6	45
Webster.....	12.00	11.00	11.50	170	171	157	99	49	28	3	3	3	3	9	88
Wetzel.....	10.66	10.50	10.53	1765	1148	826	231	207	84	3	3	3	3	3	185
Wirt.....	11.40	10.87	11.12	1019	777	515	424	183	175	88	1	1	8	24	238
Wood.....	11.75	11.30	11.63	4053	3,90	2718	2215	1395	1080	415	113	113	426	11	140
Woming.....	10.00	10.00	10.00	815	815	398	551	464	146	20	27	24	5	10	45
Wheeling City.....	11.12	10.81	11.19	80,715	67,780	50,937	41,733	19,419	16,246	5405	1210	155	2157	335	335
Martinsburg City.....	11.12	10.81	11.19	80,715	67,780	50,937	41,733	19,419	16,246	5405	1210	155	2157	335	335
Total....	11.12	10.81	11.19	80,715	67,780	50,937	41,733	19,419	16,246	5405	1210	155	2157	335	335

*Three Districts make no report as to the number studying each branch. †No report. §Several Districts not reported. ¶Incomplete in every particular.

TABLE

Amount of District Levies; Amount of Delinquent Lists; Total Receipts; Average Costs

COUNTY.	DISTRICT LEVIES.				DELINQUENT LISTS.			Total receipts for all purposes including balance on hand and State school fund at beginning of school year.
	Number of cents for Building Fund.		Amount levied for Teachers' Fund.		Amount of delinquent list returned for building fund.		Amount of delinquent list returned for teachers' fund.	
	Number of cents for Building Fund.	Number of cents for Teachers' Fund.	Amount levied for Building Fund.	Amount levied for Teachers' Fund.	Amount of delinquent list returned for building fund.	Amount of delinquent list returned for teachers' fund.	Total receipts for all purposes including balance on hand and State school fund at beginning of school year.	
Barbour.....	25.2	21.3	\$4,542 05	3,674 66	\$ 32 88	\$ 52 15	\$ 15,208 27	
Berkeley.....	7.2	22.1	3,394 65	11,272 27	45 98	114 61	20,076 69	
Boone.....	7.0	50.0	421 95	2,932 16	33 80	107 65	6,539 53	
Braxton.....	37.0	36.2	5,332 15	6,060 93	930 50	1,116 98	13,202 94	
Brooke.....	10.6	25.6	2,192 69	6,878 56	18 98	43 52	12,988 74	
Cabell.....	21.4	29.3	6,941 63	7,780 19	1,281 34	949 64	20,337 94	
Calhoun.....	32.0	43 0	1,717 59	2,355 81	344 29	454 21	6,775 10	
Clay.....	35.0	30.0	1,479 05	1,053 53	288 38	160 14	5,614 70	
Doddridge.....	17.1	32.7	2,213 30	4,324 11	135 18	99 44	11,089 30	
Fayette.....	18.0	44.0	2,679 57	5,983 84	625 91	1,499 27	15,944 25	
Gilmer.....	25.0	42.0	2,136 40	3,608 84	273 22	432 37	8,337 68	
Grant.....	8.2	21.4	1,680 41	3,752 96	20 27	72 72	8,698 70	
Greenbrier.....	10.8	23.4	4,327 11	11,338 38	87 96	220 65	23,798 32	
Hampshire.....	11.4	21.0	2,870 54	5,370 20	33 92	69 93	12,993 61	
Hancock.....	14.2	23.7	3,036 43	4,870 01	47 26	115 07	11,519 30	
Hardy.....	6.7	11.3	1,552 69	2,616 37	12 18	19 48	7,506 95	
Harrison.....	9.6	18.1	6,239 61	12,252 36	115 05	239 65	36,688 11	
Jackson.....	22.7	32.8	5,236 06	6,763 98	310 48	665 56	19,238 13	
Jefferson.....	5.6	13.9	3,345 62	7,386 42	118 06	232 25	20,285 37	
Kanawha.....	18.2	30.6	12,168 63	19,723 24	1,831 14	3,206 06	57,234 66	
Lewis.....	22.2	25 5	5,722 07	6,334 16	4 88	16 73	20,612 88	
Lincoln.....	25.5	42.0	2,639 95	4,699 72	458 50	650 50	11,196 89	
Logan.....	23.1	35.0	642 40	1,029 89	.....	.....	3,854 65
Marion.....	18.7	15.6	8,149 84	6,860 43	60 37	91 75	28,240 68	
Marshall.....	27.5	27.2	9,980 24	10,240 20	81 84	42 51	40,954 79	
Mason.....	17.0	27.5	8,677 92	10,987 03	597 68	816 71	37,950 72	
Mercer.....	21.0	37.0	1,273 25	2,242 39	39 42	73 14	5,943 32	
Mineral.....	20.5	17 6	3,723 17	3,505 23	72 52	46 42	15,656 63	
Monongalia.....	6.0	14.0	1,819 82	6,549 61	.....	.....	16,212 53
Monroe.....	9.2	27.2	4,128 51	7,614 52	19 73	79 57	11,534 51	
Morgan.....	20.1	26.0	4,828 69	4,975 60	2,100 72	2,113 78	8,843 32	
McDowell.....	18.3	26.6	511 77	1,093 16	281 85	743 69	.....
Nicholas.....	20.3	18.3	2,548 48	2,174 54	631 71	770 06	6,772 63	
Ohio.....	15.8	23.3	4,153 15	6,918 22	15 05	25 42	17,380 33	
Pendleton.....	11.6	25.0	805 82	2,557 64	09	60	4,906 07	
Pleasants.....	23.0	34.1	1,456 06	2,716 91	68 58	88 68	8,232 38	
Pocahontas.....	12.5	21.5	1,717 54	3,218 16	37 46	87 61	8,743 91	
Preston.....	18.7	31.6	6,412 35	10,819 67	64 53	136 52	27,630 76	
Putnam.....	16.7	36.6	3,074 28	6,678 92	50 34	169 18	15,873 49	
Raleigh.....	32.1	33.6	2,549 89	2,460 41	123 72	127 79	7,914 11	
Randolph.....	29.3	36.6	4,295 69	5,425 47	1,297 45	1,611 40	11,706 94	
Ritchie.....	32.0	37.0	7,177 95	7,646 68	106 54	98 14	22,278 59	
Roane.....	35.2	50.0	2,421 05	3,694 62	161 86	256 23	29,274 35	
Summers.....	26.0	43.0	2,326 94	2,953 02	217 49	257 10	8,902 22	
Taylor.....	16.2	17.3	4,688 50	7,419 58	579 11	204 84	16,496 80	
Tucker.....	30.6	30.0	1,105 31	1,599 15	1,561 73	25 06	5,900 73	
Tyler.....	14.9	23.5	2,938 49	5,213 81	54 62	68 80	11,060 48	
Upshur.....	14.1	18.8	3,658 95	5,098 58	1,031 51	903 91	13,215 22	
Wayne.....	15.0	37.5	1,879 00	4,638 00	.....	.....	12,123 00
Webster.....	15.0	21.6	928 79	1,224 79	443 23	544 23	1,819 80	
Wetzell.....	35.0	40.0	5,791 03	6,125 80	131 74	194 37	19,419 53	
Wirt.....	31.2	40.6	2,890 27	3,884 55	192 98	228 91	9,460 70	
Wood.....	22.7	31.3	10,416 17	22,411 32	582 61	917 05	44,586 41	
Wyoming.....	26.5	37.5	604 77	679 61	75 01	15 11	7,373 05	
Wheeling City.....	15.0	25.0	21,899 25	36,665 43	658 36	930 61	77,980 57	
Martinsburg Indp't Dis't.....	35.0	35.0	7,407 71	7,407 71	577 26	577 26	18,417 54	
Total.....	21.5	29.3	\$228,755 17	\$ 355,793 85	\$19,995 27	\$22,784 02	\$921,778 99	

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ceipts and Expenditures; Balance on Hand; Apportionment and per Pupil.

GENERAL SUMMARY.

Total Amount reported expended of building fund.	Total amount reported expended of teachers' fund.	Balance on hand of building fund.	Balance on hand of teachers' fund.	Amount unaccounted for.	Amount reported expended in excess of receipts.	Amount teachers' fund apportioned to whites.	Amount teachers' fund apportioned to colored.	Average cost per pupil.
3,463 66	\$ 10,613 52	\$ 906 54	\$ 2,077 72	\$.....	\$.....	10,429 56	\$ 435 80	\$ 4 62
3,381 73	14,072 22	536 94	2,368 36	.....	.....	13,525 89	1,711 76	9 76
771 96	5,100 27	81 75	956 07	.....	.....	5,611 54	186 78	6 53
5,045 25	6,907 08	.....	1,268 64	.....	1,686 66	6,381 20	132 69	5 95
2,030 31	9,139 37	427 56	1,210 55	.....	.....	9,676 60	144 00	7 97
6,415 24	11,102 17	561 86	2,223 04	.....	.....	11,179 20	294 76	7 88
1,691 68	3,017 46	65 09	1,079 28	12 91	4,096 74	.....	4 27	.....
1,161 91	2,722 95	824 80	935 04	.....	.....	3,234 22	.....	9 38
2,165 17	6,905 29	483 24	705 92	829 68	.....	8,548 84	55 00	5 85
2,516 95	8,272 76	1,117 94	4,547 44	1 01	.....	.....	.....	6 93
1,972 95	5,098 67	441 32	823 75	.....	7,071 62	234 50	8 53	8 01
1,832 44	4,657 21	721 81	1,178 10	209 11	4,422 71	.....	.....	.....
4,307 52	13,417 01	.....	.....	.....	12,549 51	869 50	12 46	.....
2,928 71	9,195 15	707 37	613 72	6,073 79	.....	8,915 15	280 00	9 50
3,015 21	7,927 90	182 60	393 59	.....	.....	7,927 90	.....	10 29
1,133 25	4,593 33	844 37	936 00	.....	4,919 60	609 73	6 45	.....
7,388 67	23,595 56	1,552 95	4,155 93	.....	.....	23,135 56	582 96	10 17
2,890 39	12,324 82	1,544 85	1,696 71	771 36	.....	12,324 82	133 33	6 05
4,018 08	13,254 55	1,120 34	1,899 40	.....	.....	.....	.....	13 21
12,024 32	32,426 13	2,553 54	6,590 98	3,339 69	.....	29,922 13	2,945 00	7 72
6,099 33	12,039 13	466 53	2,007 88	.....	.....	.....	.....	5 92
1,684 15	6,073 80	1,580 56	2,073 66	.....	2,609 72	.....	3 81	.....
515 25	1,724 20	344 87	1,270 33	.....	2,968 09	26 40	6 65	.....
10,567 58	16,404 74	894 00	2,704 47	.....	18,332 43	160 00	5 71	.....
16,895 88	18,132 15	901 04	4,655 11	170 61	18,132 15	40 00	11 74	.....
10,708 36	21,334 20	966 02	2,185 60	2,756 64	.....	.....	.....	10 28
664 00	4,604 61	699 69	317 05	.....	.....	.....	.....	5 52
5,169 65	6,028 75	1,184 82	575 48	2,697 93	.....	.....	.....	8 30
1,969 11	11,644 00	845 45	1,932 48	.....	13,476 48	.....	.....	.....
2,431 14	11,851 01	57 68	399 26	.....	2,747 64	10,523 93	549 61	.....
1,920 90	4,138 00	2,273 96	857 20	.....	.....	4,633 91	222 35	9 41
307 86	1,015 21	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,109 83	.....	.....
1,296 64	4,030 87	868 84	500 50	55 78	2,324 12	.....	5 20	.....
5,300 27	9,286 54	748 50	1,939 18	105 84	11,268 82	63 00	14 85	.....
795 61	4,320 00	79 91	315 97	209 54	3,072 98	30 54	4 69	.....
2,433 90	4,190 50	.....	1,497 87	.....	5,777 16	6 67	.....	.....
1,819 81	4,056 06	120 17	2,016 39	731 54	4,994 82	248 00	7 13	.....
6,900 04	16,308 52	2,515 19	2,039 68	.....	16,305 52	.....	5 48	.....
2,857 63	9,170 23	622 47	3,223 16	.....	11,784 88	466 34	9 67	.....
1,999 52	4,877 95	479 85	465 26	91 53	5,434 14	4 72	.....	.....
2,770 01	6,104 16	523 86	2,130 40	178 51	.....	.....	7 56	.....
5,848 08	11,411 52	808 07	2,582 40	1,628 52	11,411 52	.....	6 88	.....
2,366 29	5,788 24	177 97	165 15	223 27	5,923 39	15 00	5 58	.....
1,980 42	5,590 56	559 20	772 08	04	5,824 04	404 55	5 75	.....
4,830 31	10,606 36	479 77	834 51	.....	10,351 23	292 05	6 44	.....
1,129 30	3,097 00	1,219 63	1,346 64	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
1,403 72	7,435 35	422 50	668 65	1,110 15	.....	.....	4 08	.....
3,125 13	8,155 32	736 38	947 23	261 29	8,234 53	218 31	5 64	.....
1,111 00	4,023 00	.....	.....	6,989 00	.....	.....	.....	.....
366 08	640 50	119 48	693 74	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
6,290 76	9,984 63	1,132 46	2,150 35	.....	12,944 70	.....	4 52	.....
2,994 29	5,122 33	1,244 09	1,416 29	.....	6,850 40	.....	7 01	.....
10,005 41	27,863 06	2,116 29	4,957 53	.....	26,637 06	1,225 00	6 04	.....
1,602 01	3,129 38	1,413 83	1,227 83	.....	3,129 38	27 83	.....	.....
19,216 86	48,113 59	6,214 85	4,435 27	.....	46,816 80	.....	10 98	.....
25,665 09	8,730 09	.....	1,912 36	.....	9,842 36	800 00	14 11	.....

\$242,684 69 \$541,358 83 \$47,514 83 \$92,377 90 \$27,373 83 \$5,706 21 \$464,650 18 \$14,361 58 \$ 7 59

FREE SCHOOLS.

TABLE I.

Showing the Apportionment of State School Fund for the School Years commencing September the 1st, 1874, and September the 1st, 1875; the Enumeration of Youth for the same years, and the Amount paid Salaries of County Superintendents.

COUNTY.	Amount Apportioned for the School Year 1874-5.	Enumeration of Youth for the School Year 1875-6, reported for Apportionment.	Amount Apportioned for the School Year 1874-5.	Enumeration of Youth for the School Year 1874-5, reported for Apportionment.	Am't Paid Co. Sup's, during sch'l year ending Aug. 31, '75, as per record in Auditor's office	Am't Paid Co. Sup's, during sch'l year ending Aug. 31, '74, as per record in Auditor's office
Barbour.....	\$ 4,331 14	3,831	\$ 4,706 74	3,942	363 00	120 00
Berkeley.....	5,895 72	5,215	5,892 39	4,935	500 00	300 00
Boone.....	2,063 25	1,825	2,078 75	1,741	156 00	54 00
Braxton.....	3,246 03	2,872	3,420 81	2,865	138 00	186 00
Brooke.....	2,297 28	2,032	2,315 16	1,939	202 00	140 00
Cabell.....	4,157 13	3,677	4,144 37	3,471	168 89	213 11
Calhoun.....	1,684 04	1,494	1,732 49	1,451	234 00	195 00
Clay.....	1,183 55	1,046	1,262 08	1,057	49 00	115 00
Doddridge.....	3,642 63	3,222	3,633 34	3,043	250 00	291 00
Fayette.....	3,192 66	2,824	3,301 41	2,765	244 00	229 00
Gilmer.....	2,503 03	2,214	2,479 93	2,077	290 00	135 00
Grant.....	1,764 78	1,561	1,905 62	1,596	47 25	157 87
Greenbrier.....	4,699 70	4,157	4,884 65	4,091	279 00	213 00
Hampshire.....	3,332 85	2,948	3,413 64	2,859	339 00	120 00
Hancock.....	1,836 01	1,624	1,993 98	1,670	375 00	291 00
Hardy.....	2,256 63	1,996	2,390 38	2,002	228 00	300 00
Harrison.....	7,241 17	6,405	7,720 40	6,466	300 00	237 00
Jackson.....	5,587 18	4,942	5,475 68	4,586	111 00	288 00
Jefferson.....	5,341 67	4,716	5,469 71	4,581	345 00	288 00
Kanawha.....	11,090 68	9,810	11,052 94	9,260	450 00	243 00
Lewis.....	4,336 01	3,853	4,602 87	3,855	185 00	261 00
Lincoln.....	2,740 45	2,424	2,765 39	2,316	270 00	150 00
Logan.....	2,261 10	2,000	2,336 68	1,952	150 00	265 00
Marion.....	6,576 41	5,817	6,820 12	5,712	190 00	300 00
Marshall.....	6,845 82	6,073	7,203 40	6,033	124 00	111 00
Mason.....	7,865 37	6,958	8,183 68	6,854	321 00	150 00
McDowell.....	1,008 45	892	1,065 04	892	177 00	132 00
Mercer.....	2,473 64	2,188	2,490 68	2,086	135 00	184 50
Mineral.....	2,582 48	2,240	2,312 77	1,937	142 00	72 00
Monongalia.....	5,747 18	5,086	5,907 91	4,948	201 50	169 00
Monroe.....	3,677 68	3,253	3,884 08	3,256	162 00	75 00
Morgan.....	1,799 84	1,592	1,796 97	1,505	306 00	231 00
Nicholas.....	2,226 05	1,969	2,350 98	1,969	280 00	26 00
Ohio.....	2,472 51	2,187	2,783 21	2,331	175 00	199 25
Pendleton.....	2,855 76	2,526	3,020 82	2,530	60 00	.....
Pleasants.....	1,899 32	1,680	1,796 16	1,506	168 00	144 00
Pocahontas.....	1,700 32	1,504	1,705 61	1,431	30 00	163 00
Preston.....	6,803 65	6,018	6,882 21	5,761	285 00	516 00
Putnam.....	3,725 16	3,295	3,806 47	3,188	240 00	195 00
Raleigh.....	2,552 78	2,258	2,622 02	2,196	.....	216 00
Randolph.....	2,660 18	2,353	2,755 75	2,308	369 00	300 00
Ritchie.....	4,314 18	3,816	4,481 08	3,753	262 93	249 75
Roane.....	4,068 75	3,599	3,934 61	3,297	304 00	169 00
Summers.....	2,548 26	2,254	2,521 72	2,112	298 00	130 00
Taylor.....	4,045 11	3,578	4,152 73	3,478	75 00	138 00
Tucker.....	1,114 72	986	1,161 76	973	144 00	120 00
Tyler.....	3,900 39	3,456	4,022 58	3,369	100 00	100 00
Upshur.....	3,721 77	3,292	3,755 13	3,145	246 00	66 00
Wayne.....	4,811 62	4,256	4,701 97	3,938	174 00	165 00
Webster.....	882 95	781	903 85	757	105 00	94 00
Wetzel.....	4,767 53	4,217	4,973 01	4,165	300 00	200 00
Wirt.....	2,206 82	1,952	2,208 90	1,850	291 00	75 00
Wood.....	8,908 86	7,881	9,260 66	7,756	300 00	300 00
Wyoming.....	1,492 32	1,320	1,583 24	1,326	123 00	196 00
Wheeling City.....	10,194 17	9,017	10,763 91	9,015	.....	.....
Total.....	\$209,124 38	184,796	\$214,791 32	179,897	\$11,693 12	\$10,038 98

Description of Invested School Fund.

1875			
September 1	Stock in First National Bank of Fairmont, W. Va	\$50,000	00
	Stock in Parkersburg National Bank.....	40,000	00
	Stock in National Bank of West Virginia, at Wheeling.....	30,000	00
	U. S. Registered Central Pacific Railroad Bonds.		
No. 2,037, dated August 2, 1866—Interest from July 10, 1866.....	1,000	00	
No. 2,038, dated August 2, 1866—Interest from July 10, 1866.....	1,000	00	
No. 2,039, dated August 2, 1866—Interest from July 10, 1866.....	1,000	00	
No. 2,040, dated August 2, 1866—Interest from July 10, 1866.....	1,000	00	
No. 2,041, dated August 2, 1866—Interest from July 10, 1866.....	1,000	00	
No. 2,042, dated August 2, 1866—Interest from July 10, 1866.....	1,000	00	
No. 2,043, dated August 2, 1866—Interest from July 10, 1866.....	1,000	00	
No. 2,044, dated August 2, 1866—Interest from July 10, 1866.....	1,000	00	
No. 2,045, dated August 2, 1866—Interest from July 10, 1866.....	1,000	00	
No. 2,046, dated August 2, 1866—Interest from July 10, 1866.....	1,000	00	
No. 2,047, dated August 2, 1866—Interest from July 10, 1866.....	1,000	00	
No. 2,200, dated January 22, 1868—Interest from January 1, 1868.....	1,000	00	
No. 30, dated January 22, 1868—Interest from January 1, 1868.....	5,000	00	
No. 251, dated January 22, 1868—Interest from January 1, 1868.....	10,000	00	
No. 252, dated January 22, 1868—Interest from January 1, 1868.....	10,000	00	
U. S. Registered Union Pacific Railroad Bonds.			
No. 1982, dated January 21, 1869—Interest from January 1, 1869.....	10,000	00	
No. 1,525, dated January 21, 1869—Interest from January 1, 1869.....	5,000	00	
No. 235, dated March 13, 1869—Interest from February 10, 1869.....	10,000	00	
No. 236, dated March 13, 1869—Interest from February 10, 1869.....	10,000	00	
U. S. 5-20 Bonds.			
No. 492, dated January 15, 1870—Interest from January 1, 1870.....	500	00	
No. 2,123, dated January 13, 1870—Interest from January 1, 1870.....	1,000	00	
No. 2,124, dated January 13, 1870—Interest from January 1, 1870.....	1,000	00	
No. 2,125, dated January 13, 1870—Interest from January 1, 1870.....	1,000	00	
No. 653, dated January 15, 1870—Interest from January 1, 1870.....	5,000	00	
No. 847, dated January 15, 1870—Interest from January 1, 1870.....	10,000	00	
Certificates of U. S. Stock, 5-20s.			
No. 714, dated February 18, 1871—Interest from January 1, 1871.....	500	00	
No. 2,837, dated February 18, 1871—Interest from January 1, 1871.....	1,000	00	
No. 2,838, dated February 18, 1871—Interest from January 1, 1871.....	1,000	00	
No. 2,839, dated February 18, 1871—Interest from January 1, 1871.....	1,000	00	
No. 2,840, dated February 18, 1871—Interest from January 1, 1871.....	1,000	00	
No. 823, dated February 18, 1871—Interest from January 1, 1871.....	5,000	00	
No. 1,051, dated February 18, 1871—Interest from January 1, 1871.....	10,000	00	
No. 1,052, dated February 18, 1871—Interest from January 1, 1871.....	10,000	00	
No. 11,519, dated March 6, 1871—Interest from January 1, 1871.....	100	00	
No. 11,520, dated March 6, 1871—Interest from January 1, 1871.....	100	00	
No. 11,521, dated March 6, 1871—Interest from January 1, 1871.....	100	00	
No. 24,030, dated March 6, 1871—Interest from January 1, 1871.....	1,000	00	
No. 7,160, dated March 6, 1871—Interest from January 1, 1871.....	5,000	00	
No. 10,302, dated March 6, 1871—Interest from January 1, 1871.....	10,000	00	
U. S. Registered Union Pacific Railroad Bonds.			
No. 379, dated October 27, 1873—Interest from July 1, 1873.....	10,000	00	
No. 3759, dated November 7, 1873—Interest from July 1, 1873.....	10,000	00	
Bond of the State of West Virginia, dated October 29, 1873, bearing interest from October 29, 1873.....	16,970	00	
Aggregate amount invested to this date.....	293,270	00	

Exhibit of the School Fund, September 30, 1875.

1875	Total amount invested at this date.....	\$293,270 00
	Balance in Treasury and uninvested at this date.....	31,973 34
	Aggregate amount of the School Fund at this date.....	\$325,243 34

The foregoing statement is correct.

Teste:

E. A. BENNETT.

Auditor.

AUDITOR'S OFFICE }
WHEELING, April 15, 1876. }

TABLE K.

Showing the Aggregate Amount of Real Estate and Personal Property, and the Number of Capitations; the Rate of Levy; the Amount of District Tax Levied for Teachers' Fund and Building Fund Respectively; the Amount of State School Tax and Capitation Tax.

BARBOUR COUNTY.

DISTRICTS.	Real Estate.	Personal Property.	Aggregate.	Rate of Levy for Teachers' Fund.	District Tax Levied for Teachers' Fund.	Rate of Levy for Building Fund.	District Tax Levied for Building Fund.	State Building Fund.	State School Fund.	Aggregate of both funds.	State School tax at ten cents on the \$100 real estate.	Capitation tax of \$1.00 per head.	State School Tax from other sources.	Aggregate State School Tax on personal property.	State School Tax from State property.	Aggregate State School Tax from State property.
Cove.....	\$159,087.00	\$72,576.00	\$231,663.00	20	\$463.32	25	\$579.15	\$1,042.47	\$72.57	\$238.12	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Glade.....	120,310.40	63,048.00	173,388.40	40	635.53	40	695.53	1,391.06	120.41	53.04	1,73.45	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Barker.....	136,634.91	63,462.00	210,036.91	30	420.07	40	840.14	1,260.21	146.74	63.40	210.14	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Philippi.....	114,420.20	74,441.00	185,470.30	15	232.70	40	738.88	1,036.58	114.62	74.04	188.56	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Union.....	231,730.39	111,249.00	343,089.39	16	549.94	17	533.25	1,135.19	231.79	111.29	313.08	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Elk.....	221,059.79	105,350.00	326,089.79	15	489.10	65	163.03	652.13	221.04	105.03	326.07	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Pleasant.....	304,167.90	144,708.00	448,875.90	65	224.43	65	234.43	448.86	304.17	144.70	448.87	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Philippi Independent	71,055.39	28,136.00	92,201.39	15	148.80	40	306.80	545.60	71.16	28.13	99.29	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total	\$1,369,554.98	\$632,240.00	\$2,021,794.98		\$3,273.80	25%	\$4,296.21	\$7,510.10	\$1,370.38	\$652.20	\$2,022.58	\$3.39	\$2,039.00	\$2,022.58	\$3.39	\$1,054.97

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BERKELEY COUNTY.

BOONE COUNTY.

DISTRICTS.	Real Estate.	Personal Property.	Agregate of Real Es- tate and Personal Property.		\$304,665.21	\$229,977.00	\$594,642.21	\$2,973.19	\$2,642.22	\$3,615.41	\$364.64	\$229,395	\$594.59	\$1,04.00	\$1,598.59			
			Rate of Levy for Teachers' Fund.	Rate of Levy for Building Fund.														
			District Tax Letter for Teachers' Fund.	District Tax Letter for Building Fund.	\$63,474.00	\$51,820.00	\$115,294.00	\$50	\$576.47	\$15	\$115.29	\$8	\$691.76	\$33	\$115.29	\$1,04.00		
					\$83,238.95	\$58,056.00	\$141,294.95	\$50	\$706.47	\$15	\$211.94	\$9	\$918.41	\$83	\$238.95	\$141.29		
					\$83,029.99	\$41,709.00	\$129,735.99	\$50	\$648.67	\$15	\$194.60	\$9	\$833.27	\$88	\$648.67	\$129.73		
					\$51,507.06	\$33,416.60	\$87,923.06	\$60	\$439.61	\$10	\$459.61	\$10	\$334.41	\$87	\$51,507.06	\$129.73		
					\$75,418.21	\$44,976.00	\$126,394.21	\$50	\$601.97	\$10	\$120.39	\$10	\$722.36	\$75	\$44.97	\$120.39		
			Total.....		\$304,665.21	\$229,977.00	\$594,642.21		\$2,973.19		\$2,642.22		\$3,615.41	\$364.64	\$229,395	\$594.59	\$1,04.00	\$1,598.59

BRAXTON COUNTY.

BROOKE COUNTY.

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CABELL COUNTY.

DISTRICTS.	Real Estate.	Personal Property	Aggregate of Real Estate and Personal Property	Aggregate of Real Estate and Personal Property	Real Estate.	Personal Property	Aggregate of Real Estate and Personal Property
Guyandotte District.....	\$ 273,972.71	\$ 359,032.00	\$ 633,001.71	\$ 30,31,1,839.00	\$ 306.50	\$ 2,145.66	\$ 273.97
Guyandotte Town.....	160,547.31	.....	160,547.31	.....	80.27	.80.27	160.54
Huntington ".....	738,340.18	.....	738,340.18	.....	35.1,107.51	3,691.70	738.34
Barbourville District.....	202,431.83	110,212.00	312,645.83	20,65.28	3,112.64	937.92	202.48
Barbourville Town.....	86,797.00	.....	86,797.00	10,86.79	10	86.79	86.79
Union District.....	278,695.32	61,044.00	339,739.32	40,1,358.95	40	1,358.95	2,717.90
Grant "	221,352.94	87,019.00	314,971.24	40,1,253.88	24	623.94	1,889.82
McComas "	214,055.44	62,356.00	276,391.44	50,1,381.95	50	820.17	2,211.12
Total.....	\$2,182,792.03	\$659,633.00	\$2,842,435.03	\$7,659.36	\$6,1,83,45	\$13,847.81	\$2,182.76
							\$659.62
							\$2,842.38
							\$2,138.00
							\$4,980.38

CALHOUN COUNTY.

DISTRICTS.	Real Estate.	Personal Property	Aggregate of Real Estate and Personal Property	Real Estate.	Personal Property	Aggregate of Real Estate and Personal Property
Sheridan.....	\$ 85,336.33	\$ 29,254.00	\$ 114,590.33	\$ 50.8	\$ 572.95	\$ 458.36
Centre.....	61,135.06	30,970.00	92,104.06	50	90.62	338.41
Sherman.....	79,733.64	28,730.00	108,467.64	35	378.62	15
Washington.....	65,048.75	23,483.00	88,511.75	40	354.16	708.32
Lee.....	80,405.61	26,841.00	110,246.61	40	449.98	275.61
Totals.....	\$871,658.39	\$142,288.00	\$513,946.89	\$2,207.28	\$1,569.33	\$2,776.66
						\$371,653
						\$142.28
						\$513.93
						\$709.00
						\$1,221.38

CLAY COUNTY.

DODDRIDGE COUNTY.

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GILMER COUNTY.

GRANT COUNTY.

GREENBRIER COUNTY.

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HAMPSHIRE COUNTY.

HANCOCK COUNTY.

HARDY COUNTY.

HARRISON COUNTY.

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JEFFERSON COUNTY.

KANAWHA COUNTY.

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MARION COUNTY.

MARSHALL COUNTY.

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MASON COUNTY.

DISTRICTS.	Real Estate.	Personal Property	Aggregate of Real Estate and Personal Property.	Rate of Levy for Teachers' Fund.	Rate of Levy for Tech-ers, Fund.	District Tax Levy.	Rate of Levy for Building Fund.	District Tax Levy for Building Fund.	Aggregate District Funds.	School Tax of 10 cents on Real Estate.	School Tax of 10 cents on Real Estate.	School Tax on Personal Property.	School Tax on Personal Property.	Aggregate State Tax.	Aggregate School Taxes.
Lewis.....	\$ 453,213.30	\$ 369,050.00	\$ 812,265.30	15 \$ 1,218.39	10 \$ 812.26	\$ 2,030.65	\$ 453.21	\$ 359.05	\$ 812.26	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
Robinson.....	468,910.91	221,175.00	688,085.91	68 \$ 540.68	63 \$ 206.42	747.10	221.17	668.68	88 \$ 221.17	100	100	100	100	100	100
Waggoner.....	745,443.27	170,545.00	915,988.95	20 \$ 2,289.95	30 \$ 2,747.74	3,037.89	745.44	170.54	915.98	100	100	100	100	100	100
Mason City and Mason Ind.	76,220.00	464,192.65	76,220.00	15 \$ 696.98	30 \$ 392.57	2,088.85	88 \$ 387.97	76.22	464.19	100	100	100	100	100	100
Graham.....	387,972.66	525,101.88	94,155.00	90 \$ 1,576.90	66 \$ 315.24	1,891.44	431.24	91.15	625.39	100	100	100	100	100	100
Independent of Hartford.....	199,175.00	91,185.00	290,360.00	90 \$ 560.72	65 \$ 145.18	725.90	199.17	91.18	290.39	100	100	100	100	100	100
Cooper.....	312,440.56	87,450.00	399,890.66	30 \$ 1,199.67	20 \$ 739.78	1,999.45	312.44	67.45	339.89	100	100	100	100	100	100
Arbuckle.....	495,269.00	133,753.00	689,024.00	20 \$ 1,378.04	10 \$ 689.02	2,067.06	495.26	133.75	689.01	100	100	100	100	100	100
Cleendenin.....	460,635.62	132,155.00	592,807.62	20 \$ 1,385.61	65 \$ 296.40	1,482.01	460.63	132.15	592.80	100	100	100	100	100	100
Hanian.....	370,320.01	73,670.00	44,141.90	01 \$ 1,776.76	12 \$ 533.02	2,309.78	370.32	73.67	444.19	100	100	100	100	100	100
Union.....	169,004.74	54,585.00	223,589.70	50 \$ 1,117.94	50 \$ 603.75	1,811.45	169.00	54.58	223.58	100	100	100	100	100	100
Cologe.....	166,565.75	35,350.00	201,916.75	35 \$ 706.70	30 \$ 603.75	1,811.45	166.56	35.35	201.91	100	100	100	100	100	100
Totals.....	\$ 4,658,415.69	\$ 1,589,295.00	\$ 6,247,710.60	.....	.....	\$ 22,580.32	\$ 4,658,371	\$ 26,1589.26	\$ 6,247.63	\$ 33,812.00	\$ 10,069.63	\$ 10,069.63	\$ 10,069.63	\$ 10,069.63	\$ 10,069.63

MERCER COUNTY.

DISTRICTS.	Real Estate.	Personal Property	Aggregate of Personal Property.	Aggregate of Real Estate and Personal Property.	Rate of Levy for Teachers' Fund.	District Tax Levy for Teachers' Fund.	Rate of Levy for Building Fund.	District Tax Levy for Building Fund.	Aggregate District Funds.	School Tax on Personal Property.	School Tax on Real Estate.	School Tax on Personal Property.	School Tax on Real Estate.	Aggregate State Tax.	Aggregate School Taxes.
East River.....	\$ 122,433.96	\$ 56,755.00	\$ 179,188.96	35 \$ 627.16	25 \$ 447.97	\$ 1,075.13	\$ 122.43	\$ 56.75	\$ 179.18	100	100	100	100	100	100
Beaver Pond.....	102,660.39	37,900.00	140,560.39	25 \$ 487.81	15 \$ 292.68	780.49	143.69	51.43	143.69	100	100	100	100	100	100
Rock.....	71,588.28	26,365.00	97,933.28	50 \$ 489.76	10 \$ 210.84	562.24	70.66	37.90	70.66	100	100	100	100	100	100
Plymouth.....	31,046.75	16,420.00	48,065.75	50 \$ 240.33	40 \$ 192.26	587.71	71.53	26.36	71.53	100	100	100	100	100	100
Jumping Branch.....										48.06	48.06	48.06	48.06	48.06	48.06
Totals.....	\$ 472,020.06	\$ 188,875.00	\$ 660,895.06	\$ 1,241.70	\$ 3,438.16	\$ 472.00	\$ 188.86	\$ 660.86	\$ 1,085.00	\$ 1,085.00	\$ 1,085.00	\$ 1,085.00	\$ 1,085.00

MINERAL COUNTY.

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MORGAN COUNTY:

McDOWELL COUNTY.

DISTRICTS,	Real Estate.	Personal Property	Personal Property	Real Estate.	District Tax Levy for Teachers' Fund.	District Tax Levy for Building Fund.	State School Tax on Real Estate.	State School Tax on Personal Property.	State School Tax on Real Estate.	Aggregate District Tax Levy for Building Fund.	Aggregate District Tax on Real Estate.	State School Tax on Personal Property.	State School Tax on Real Estate.	Aggregate District Funds.	State School Tax on Personal Property.	State School Tax on Real Estate.	Aggregate District Funds.	Aggregate State School Taxes.
Big Creek.....	\$ 164,460.75	\$ 14,232.00	\$ 178,632.75	\$ 50.8	\$ 983.16	\$ 1,071.79	\$ 164.40	\$ 14.23	\$ 178.63	\$ 35.78	\$ 100.41	\$ 35.78	\$ 100.41	\$ 35.78	\$ 100.41	\$ 35.78	\$ 100.41	\$ 731.85
Sandy River.....	52,652.66	19,085.00	71,748.66	15	107.62	35	251.12	52.66	19.08	61.00	257.77	61.00	257.77	61.00	257.77	61.00	257.77	61.00
Elk Horn.....	36,948.52	16,548.00	53,497.52	15	80.24	10	63.49	36.94	133.73	16.54	53.48	20.74	87.28	20.74	87.28	20.74	87.28	20.74
Totals.....	\$254,011.93	\$49,867.00	\$903,878.93		\$1,081.02		\$483.24	\$1,664.26	\$234.00	\$49.85	\$303.85	\$228.86	\$992.73	\$228.86	\$992.73	\$228.86	\$992.73	\$228.86

NICHOLAS COUNTY.

DISTRICTS,	Real Estate.	Aggregate of Real Estate and Personal Property.	Aggregate of Real Estate and Personal Property.	Real Estate.	District Tax Levy for Teachers' Fund.	District Tax Levy for Building Fund.	State School Tax on Real Estate.	State School Tax on Personal Property.	State School Tax on Real Estate.	Aggregate District Tax Levy for Building Fund.	Aggregate District Tax on Real Estate.	State School Tax on Personal Property.	State School Tax on Real Estate.	Aggregate District Funds.	State School Tax on Personal Property.	State School Tax on Real Estate.	Aggregate District Funds.	Aggregate State School Taxes.
Grant.....	\$ 64,633.00	\$ 35,788.00	\$ 100,416.00	\$ 60	\$ 50.21	\$ 64.45	\$ 25	\$ 64.45	\$ 301.25	\$ 64.63	\$ 35.78	\$ 64.63	\$ 35.78	\$ 64.63	\$ 35.78	\$ 64.63	\$ 35.78	\$ 64.63
Hamilton.....	196,775.00	61,006.00	257.71.00	50	\$ 64.45	\$ 27	\$ 696.00	\$ 1,340.45	\$ 186.77	\$ 606.36	253.36	\$ 606.36	253.36	\$ 606.36	\$ 253.36	\$ 606.36	\$ 253.36	\$ 606.36
Kentucky.....	87,289.00	20,742.00	105.01.00	50	\$ 64.45	\$ 30	\$ 324.10	\$ 624.26	\$ 87.28	\$ 228.31	25.15	\$ 228.31	25.15	\$ 228.31	25.15	\$ 228.31	25.15	\$ 228.31
Summersville.....	228,211.00	25,159.00	263.370.00	25	\$ 633.43	\$ 20	\$ 606.74	\$ 1,140.17	\$ 144.93	\$ 92.43	144.91	\$ 92.43	144.91	\$ 92.43	144.91	\$ 92.43	144.91	\$ 92.43
Wilderness.....	92,456.00	52,488.00	144,925.00	10	\$ 64.45	\$ 10	\$ 144.93	\$ 277.71	\$ 64.16	\$ 128.32	128.31	\$ 128.32	128.31	\$ 128.32	128.31	\$ 128.32	128.31	\$ 128.32
Totals.....	\$709,362.00	\$222,895.00	\$992,847.00		\$1,332.41		\$2,037.18	\$3,901.59	\$769.92	\$222.86	\$992.73	\$1,067.00	\$2,059.78	\$1,067.00	\$2,059.78	\$1,067.00	\$2,059.78	\$1,067.00

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PLEASANTS COUNTY.

DISTRICTS.			
Real Estate.	Personal Property.	Aggregate of Real Estate and Personal Property.	\$491,334.86
Grant.....\$113,738.89	\$77,236.00	\$190,974.89	40
Jefferson.....73,107.60	38,639.00	111,766.00	30
Washington.....100,830.84	60,982.00	161,792.84	25
McKlin.....59,728.31	27,818.00	87,546.31	45
Union.....95,172.17	58,997.00	154,179.17	30
Arlington.....48,757.65	29,835.00	78,592.05	45
Totals.....\$491,334.86	\$293,507.00	\$784,841.86	.....\$2,713.69
		Aggregate of Levy for Teachers' Fund.	.....\$1,389.36
		Rate of Levy for Teachers' Fund.	\$4,103.05
		District Tax Level for Teachers' Fund.	765.96
		Rate of Levy for Building Fund.	765.96
		District Tax Level for Building Fund.	40
		Rate of Levy for District Tax Level for Building Fund.	447.07
		Aggregate District Fund.	\$763.86
		State School Tax at 10 cents on the \$100 valuation of Real Estate.	\$113.74
		State School Tax at 10 cents on the \$100 valuation of Personal Property.	\$113.73
		State School Tax at 10 cents on the \$100 valuation of Personal Property.	\$77.23
		Aggregate State School Tax at 10 cents on the \$100 valuation of Personal Property.	\$190.97
		Local property taxes.	\$1.00 per head.
		Total, \$1,702.82	\$918.00

POCAHONTAS COUNTY:

DISTRICTS.		Real Estate.		Personal Property		Aggregates of Real Estate and Personal Property.		District Tax Levy for Teachers' Fund.		Rate of Levy for Building Fund.		District Tax Levy for Capital Building Fund.		State School Tax at 1% on Value of Personal Property.		State School Tax at 1% on Census of Real Estate.		State School Tax on Personal Property.		School and Personal Property Tax on the \$100.		Capitalization Tax of \$1.00 Per Head.		Aggregate State School Taxes.		
\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
222,674.17	\$ 75,969.00	298,643.17	\$ 80,546.00	357,844.16	\$ 76,427.00	419,860.29	\$ 109,632.00	1,405,362.69	.....	2,983.31	.....	1,745.65	.....	8,728.96	.....	1,062.86	.....	332.45	.....	1,405.31	.....	5865.90	.....	2,370.00	.....
313,469.07	.....	357,844.16	.....	419,860.29	.....	419,860.71	.....	1,405,362.69	.....	2,983.31	.....	1,745.65	.....	8,728.96	.....	1,062.86	.....	332.45	.....	1,405.31	.....	5865.90	.....	2,370.00	.....
311,417.16	.....	357,844.16	.....	419,860.29	.....	419,860.71	.....	1,405,362.69	.....	2,983.31	.....	1,745.65	.....	8,728.96	.....	1,062.86	.....	332.45	.....	1,405.31	.....	5865.90	.....	2,370.00	.....
310,328.29	.....	357,844.16	.....	419,860.29	.....	419,860.71	.....	1,405,362.69	.....	2,983.31	.....	1,745.65	.....	8,728.96	.....	1,062.86	.....	332.45	.....	1,405.31	.....	5865.90	.....	2,370.00	.....
Totals.....		Green Bank.....		Barry.....		Huntersville.....		Little Levels.....																		
\$ 1,062,868.69		\$ 342,474.00		\$ 1,405,362.69		\$ 1,405,362.69		\$ 1,405,362.69		\$ 2,983.31		\$ 1,745.65		\$ 8,728.96		\$ 1,062.86		\$ 332.45		\$ 1,405.31		\$ 5865.90		\$ 2,370.00		

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PRESTON COUNTY.

DISTRICTS.		Real Estate.		Personal Property		Aggregate of Real Estate and Personal Property.		Taxes of Levy for Teachers' Fund.		District Tax Levy for Teachers' Fund.		Rate of Levy for Building Fund.		District Tax Levy for Building Fund.		Taxes on Valuation of Real Estate.		State School Tax on Valuation of Personal Property.		Aggregate District Funds.		Taxes on Valuation of Real Estate.		State School Tax on Valuation of Personal Property.		Aggregate State School Taxes.	
Reno.....	\$ 310,115.00	\$ 148,679.00	\$ 459,094.00	40	\$ 1,865.36	10	\$ 459.09	45	\$ 310.41	\$ 148.67	\$ 310.41	\$ 139.09	\$ 459.08	\$ 410.59	\$ 410.59	\$ 100	\$ 100	\$ 100	\$ 100	\$ 100	\$ 100	\$ 100	\$ 100	\$ 100	\$ 100	\$ 100	
Lyon.....	271,594.00	139,001.00	410,585.00	35	1,487.08	10	1,642.38	38	3,079.46	271,594	271,594	129,24	271,594	271,594	271,594	271,594	271,594	271,594	271,594	271,594	271,594	271,594	271,594	271,594	271,594	271,594	271,594
Valley.....	129,248.00	72,014.00	201,257.00	35	704.39	10	201.25	25	905.64	129,248	129,248	49	129,248	129,248	129,248	129,248	129,248	129,248	129,248	129,248	129,248	129,248	129,248	129,248	129,248	129,248	129,248
Kingwood.....	274,689.00	293,941.00	588,636.00	15	882.95	10	882.95	49	2,274.54	274,689	274,689	49	274,689	274,689	274,689	274,689	274,689	274,689	274,689	274,689	274,689	274,689	274,689	274,689	274,689	274,689	274,689
Graut.....	145,180.00	145,180.00	428,556.00	30	428.55	10	428.55	20	1,714.49	283,37	283,37	20	283,37	283,37	283,37	283,37	283,37	283,37	283,37	283,37	283,37	283,37	283,37	283,37	283,37	283,37	283,37
Pleasants.....	211,038.00	195,985.00	317,323.00	30	951.95	10	951.95	20	425.84	211,038	211,038	20	211,038	211,038	211,038	211,038	211,038	211,038	211,038	211,038	211,038	211,038	211,038	211,038	211,038	211,038	211,038
Portland.....	268,644.00	157,198.00	425,842.00	40	2,163.36	10	2,163.36	20	425.84	268,644	268,644	20	268,644	268,644	268,644	268,644	268,644	268,644	268,644	268,644	268,644	268,644	268,644	268,644	268,644	268,644	
Union.....	198,677.00	96,798.00	216,475.00	40	1,181.88	10	216.47	47	1,477.55	198.67	198.67	20	198.67	198.67	198.67	198.67	198.67	198.67	198.67	198.67	198.67	198.67	198.67	198.67	198.67	198.67	198.67
Totals.....	\$ 1,947,632.00	\$ 1,159,096.00	\$ 3,106,778.00		\$ 10,353.63		\$ 6,261.76	\$ 16,715.39	\$ 1,947.64	\$ 1,159.06	\$ 1,159.06	\$ 3,106.68	\$ 3,105.00	\$ 3,105.00	\$ 3,105.00	\$ 3,105.00	\$ 3,105.00	\$ 3,105.00	\$ 3,105.00	\$ 3,105.00	\$ 3,105.00	\$ 3,105.00	\$ 3,105.00	\$ 3,105.00	\$ 3,105.00	\$ 3,105.00	\$ 3,105.00

PUTNAM COUNTY.

DISTRICTS.		Real Estate.		Personal Property		Aggregate of Real Estate and Personal Property.		Taxes of Levy for Teachers' Fund.		District Tax Levy for Teachers' Fund.		Rate of Levy for Building Fund.		District Tax Levy for Building Fund.		Taxes on Valuation of Real Estate.		State School Tax on Valuation of Personal Property.		Aggregate District Funds.		Taxes on Valuation of Real Estate.		State School Tax on Valuation of Personal Property.		Aggregate State School Taxes.	
Buffalo.....	\$ 278,163.00	\$ 77,633.00	\$ 355,796.00	40	\$ 1,473.18	10	\$ 955.80	80	\$ 278.16	\$ 77.63	\$ 278.16	\$ 499.87	\$ 1,332.99	\$ 115.21	\$ 355.79	\$ 355.79	\$ 355.79	\$ 355.79	\$ 355.79	\$ 355.79	\$ 355.79	\$ 355.79	\$ 355.79	\$ 355.79	\$ 355.79	\$ 355.79	\$ 355.79
Curry.....	115,216.00	51,409.00	165,624.00	50	1,642.38	10	883.12	30	1,642.38	115.21	115.21	115.21	115.21	115.21	115.21	115.21	115.21	115.21	115.21	115.21	115.21	115.21	115.21	115.21	115.21	115.21	
Pocataloo.....	426,818.00	108,617.00	563,435.00	30	1,609.00	10	1,609.00	30	1,609.00	160.93	160.93	160.93	160.93	160.93	160.93	160.93	160.93	160.93	160.93	160.93	160.93	160.93	160.93	160.93	160.93	160.93	
Scott.....	346,394.00	96,282.00	442,676.00	20	885.35	10	885.35	30	1,770.70	2,656.65	2,656.65	2,656.65	2,656.65	2,656.65	2,656.65	2,656.65	2,656.65	2,656.65	2,656.65	2,656.65	2,656.65	2,656.65	2,656.65	2,656.65	2,656.65	2,656.65	
Tayes Valley.....	172,234.00	55,988.00	228,222.00	30	684.66	15	375.87	10	375.87	1,312.33	1,312.33	1,312.33	1,312.33	1,312.33	1,312.33	1,312.33	1,312.33	1,312.33	1,312.33	1,312.33	1,312.33	1,312.33	1,312.33	1,312.33	1,312.33	1,312.33	
Union.....	65,331.00	24,949.00	93,871.00	40	93.87	10	93.87	40	469.35	68.95	68.95	68.95	68.95	68.95	68.95	68.95	68.95	68.95	68.95	68.95	68.95	68.95	68.95	68.95	68.95	68.95	
Totals.....	\$ 1,407,755.00	\$ 415,869.00	\$ 1,823,624.00		\$ 55,811.00		\$ 3,223.50	\$ 9,034.59	\$ 1,407.74	\$ 115.87	\$ 115.87	\$ 115.87	\$ 115.87	\$ 115.87	\$ 115.87	\$ 115.87	\$ 115.87	\$ 115.87	\$ 115.87	\$ 115.87	\$ 115.87	\$ 115.87	\$ 115.87	\$ 115.87	\$ 115.87	\$ 115.87	

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RALEIGH COUNTY.

RANDOLPH COUNTY.

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RITCHIE COUNTY.

DISTRICTS.	Real Estate.	Personal Property	Teachers' Fund.	Levy for Teachers' Fund.	Levy for Teachers' Fund.	Levy for Building Fund.	Levy for Building Fund.	Levy for both Funds.	State School Tax on \$100 Valuation of Real Estate.	State School Tax on \$100 Valuation of Personal Property.	State School Tax on \$100 Valuation of Real and Personal Property.	Aggregate State School Taxes.
	\$ 236,084.82	\$ 280,596.00	\$ 616,680.82	\$ 50	\$ 3,683.40	\$ 40	\$ 2,466.72	\$ 5,550.12	\$ 836.08	\$ 280.59	\$ 616.67	\$3,971.62
Clay.....	265,145.48	166,091.00	461,236.48	20	922.47	30	1,383.71	2,306.18	295.14	166.09	461.23	1,019,913.00
Union.....	227,685.00	585,818.00	518,133.40	40	2,383.27	40	4,765.64	2,155.40	368.13	227.68	585.81	8,638.87
Grant.....	245,293.86	307,913.00	62,710.00	35	1,077.70	35	1,077.70	2,155.40	245.20	62.71	307.91	4,019,913.00
Totals.....	\$1,944,567.56	\$737,062.00	\$1,981,648.56		7,466.84		\$7,311.40	\$14,778.24	\$1,244.55	\$737.07	\$1,981.62	\$1,990.00

ROANE COUNTY.

DISTRICTS.	Real Estate.	Personal Property	Teachers' Fund.	Levy for Teachers' Fund.	Levy for Teachers' Fund.	Levy for Building Fund.	Levy for Building Fund.	Levy for both Funds.	State School Tax on \$100 Valuation of Real Estate.	State School Tax on \$100 Valuation of Personal Property.	State School Tax on \$100 Valuation of Real and Personal Property.	Aggregate State School Taxes.
	\$ 63,362.00	\$ 40,850.00	\$ 124,152.00	50	\$ 670.76	40	\$ 536.60	\$ 1,207.35	\$ 93.30	\$ 93.30	\$ 124.15	\$2,638.87
Reedy.....	162,730.00	63,740.00	226,470.00	50	1,152.35	40	840.64	1,972.99	162.73	63.74	226.47	4,019,913.00
Spencer.....	78,306.00	36,506.00	108,812.00	50	544.06	15	163.21	707.27	78.30	30.50	168.80	3,638.87
Curtis.....	52,883.00	49,929.00	77,753.00	50	588.76	32	344.80	883.66	74.92	32.83	107.75	3,638.87
Harper.....	103,598.00	49,923.00	153,521.00	50	767.60	30	460.56	1,228.16	103.59	49.92	163.51	8,638.87
Walton.....	111,063.00	48,925.00	159,988.00	50	799.94	25	389.97	1,198.91	111.06	48.92	169.98	8,638.87
Smithfield.....	94,331.00	34,586.00	129,217.00	30	387.65	40	516.86	904.51	94.33	34.88	129.21	4,019,913.00
Geary.....												
Totals.....	\$718,250.00	\$301,663.00	\$1,019,913.00		\$4,841.12		\$3,262.64	\$8,103.76	\$718.25	\$301.64	\$1,019.87	\$2,638.87

SUMMERS COUNTY.

DISTRICTS.	Real Estate.	Personal Property.	Aggregate of Real Estate and Personal Property.	Rate of Levy for Teachers' Fund.	District Tax Levied for Teachers' Fund.	Rate of Levy for Teachers' Fund.	Aggregate of both funds.	State School Tax at ten cents on the \$100 valuation.	State School tax at ten cents on the \$100 valuation of Person- al property.	State School tax on real and personal property.	Aggregate School tax on real and personal property.	Capitation tax of \$1.00 per head.	Aggregate State School Taxes.
Forest Hill.....	\$ 106,931.00	\$ 26,820.00	\$ 133,751.00	\$ 90,901.00	2.88,952.00	\$ 106,931.00	\$ 26,820.00	\$ 198.05	\$ 90.90	\$ 133.75	\$ 106,931.00	\$ 1.00 per head.	\$1,952.68
Greenbrier.....	198,051.00	55,500.00	253,551.00	43,977.00	12.5,985.00	198,051.00	55,500.00	35.84	114.80	93.49	198,051.00	\$1.00 per head.	\$1,952.68
Green Sulphur.....	78,961.00	35,847.00	114,808.00	29,495.00	9.85,500.00	78,961.00	35,847.00	64.00	29.49	93.49	78,961.00	\$1.00 per head.	\$1,952.68
Jumping Branch.....	64,005.00	29,495.00	93,500.00	28,265.00	8.5,600.00	64,005.00	29,495.00	83.40	38.29	121.69	64,005.00	\$1.00 per head.	\$1,952.68
Pipesstem.....	83,465.00	38,265.00	121,700.00			83,465.00	38,265.00				83,465.00		
Totals.....	\$331,353.00	\$221,358.00	\$752,711.00			\$331,353.00	\$221,358.00				\$331,353.00		

TAYLOR COUNTY.

DISTRICTS.	Real Estate.	Personal Property.	Aggregate of Real Estate and Personal Property.	Rate of Levy for Teachers' Fund.	District Tax Levied for Teachers' Fund.	Rate of Levy for Building Fund.	Aggregate District Funds.	State School Tax at ten cents on the \$100 valuation.	State School Tax at ten cents on the \$100 valuation of Personal property.	Aggregate School Tax on real and personal property.	Capitation Tax of \$1.00 per head.	Aggregate State School Taxes.	
Court House.....	\$ 346,887.51	\$ 462,486.00	\$ 809,367.51	\$ 20	\$ 1,618.73	\$ 1,618.73	\$ 1,618.73	\$ 445.23	\$ 127.06	\$ 346.88	\$ 462.48	\$ 809.36	
Pruntytown, Independent.....	127,067.44	35,500.00	222,617.44	44	445.23	445.23	445.23	669.62	219.87	669.62	669.62	222.61	
Booth Creek.....	314,298.16	125,460.00	439,758.16	10	439.75	439.75	439.75	314.29	125.46	314.29	314.29	439.75	
Flemington.....	215,962.99	143,650.00	559,612.99	10	559.61	559.61	559.61	559.59	213.60	559.59	559.59	213.60	
Grafton.....	191,880.96	196,520.00	388,410.96	10	388.41	388.41	388.41	194.21	194.21	194.21	194.21	388.41	
Grafton, Independent.....	387,740.09	389,600.00	777,340.09	25	1,943.25	50	3,886.70	632.62	191.89	5,886.70	387.74	387.74	
Fetterman.....	353,376.12	568,210.00	921,586.12	20	1,723.17	15	1,723.17	568.21	301.54	568.21	568.21	301.54	
Totals.....	\$1,937,223.27	2,121,450.00	\$4,058,673.27		\$7,118.23		\$5,903.15	\$12,711.38	\$1,937.19	\$2,121.45	\$4,068.64	\$2,298.00	\$6,356.64

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TUCKER COUNTY.

UPSHUR COUNTY.

DISTRICTS.		Real Estate.		Personal Property.		Real Estate of Personal Property and Personal Property.		Rate of Levy for Teachers' Fund.		District Tax Levy for Teachers' Fund.		Rate of Levy for Building Fund.		District Tax Levy for Real Estate.		State School Tax of Real Estate.		School Tax of State.		Aggregate State School Taxes.		
Washington.....	\$ 168,610 67	\$ 41,617 00	\$ 210,227 67	10	\$ 210 22	20	\$ 630 66	\$ 168 61	\$ 41 61	\$ 210 22	\$ 634 72	\$ 168 61	\$ 41 61	\$ 210 22	\$ 634 72	\$ 168 61	\$ 41 61	\$ 210 22	\$ 634 72	\$ 168 61	\$ 41 61	
Warren.....	442,886 61	141,833 00	582,829 61	15	877 69	12	1,608 00	442 89	131 83	877 69	2,165 02	37 16	1,608 00	442 89	131 83	877 69	2,165 02	37 16	1,608 00	442 89	131 83	877 69
Union.....	172,454 29	37,164 00	216,518 29	33	721 72	20	441 30	1,163 02	37 16	721 72	2,165 02	37 16	441 30	1,163 02	37 16	721 72	2,165 02	37 16	441 30	1,163 02	37 16	721 72
Buckhannon.....	94,067 68	.....	176,553 00	30	632 964 88	20	1,305 92	65	336 48	632 964 88	476 41	176 55	632 964 88	476 41	176 55	632 964 88	476 41	176 55	632 964 88	476 41	176 55	632 964 88
Meade.....	882,344 20	84,054 00	905,974 76	20	731 95	07	256 18	988 13	281 92	731 95	256 18	84 05	988 13	281 92	84 05	988 13	256 18	84 05	988 13	281 92	84 05	988 13
Banks.....	281,192 76	66,409 00	322,593 45	15	483 90	20	645 19	1,129 00	256 18	483 90	645 19	66 40	1,129 00	256 18	66 40	322,593 45	645 19	66 40	322,593 45	645 19	66 40	322,593 45
Totals.....	\$1,805,373 55	\$547,630 00	\$2,353,068 65		\$4,330 80		\$2,820 50	\$7,151 30	\$1,805 36	\$4,330 80	\$2,820 50	\$647 60	\$1,805 36	\$4,330 80	\$2,820 50	\$647 60	\$1,805 36	\$4,330 80	\$2,820 50	\$647 60	\$1,805 36	

WAYNE COUNTY.

DISTRICTS.		Real Estate.		Personal Property.		Aggregate of Real Estate and Personal Property.		District Tax Levy for Teachers' Fund.		Rate of Levy for Building Fund.		District Tax Levy for Real Estate.		State School Tax of Real Estate.		School Tax of State.		Aggregate State School Taxes.			
Independent of Ceredo.....	\$ 362,492 06	\$ 24,726 00	\$ 79,144 00	\$ 24,726 00	30	\$ 74 17	15	\$ 37 09	\$ 111 26	\$ 24 72	\$ 24 72	\$ 37 09	\$ 111 26	\$ 24 72	\$ 24 72	\$ 37 09	\$ 111 26	\$ 24 72	\$ 24 72	\$ 37 09	
Ceredo or 1st.....	246,673 40	139,682 00	368,360 40	50	1,931 90	15	662 45	1,987 35	362 49	662 45	2,151 34	246 67	1,987 35	362 49	662 45	2,151 34	246 67	1,987 35	362 49	662 45	2,151 34
Union or 2d.....	307,885 00	182,515 00	496,410 00	30	1,471 23	20	980 82	2,452 05	307 88	1,471 23	980 82	2,452 05	980 82	2,452 05	1,471 23	980 82	2,452 05	980 82	2,452 05	1,471 23	980 82
Butler or 3d.....	180,946 00	93,154 00	273,700 00	40	1,494 80	20	747 40	2,242 20	180 54	1,494 80	747 40	2,242 20	180 54	2,242 20	1,494 80	747 40	2,242 20	180 54	2,242 20	1,494 80	747 40
Lincoln or 4th.....	267,759 00	90,833 00	358,662 00	60	.....	.....	.....	.....	267 76	267,759 00	90,833 00	267 76	90 83	267 76	267,759 00	90,833 00	267 76	90 83	267 76	267,759 00	90 83
Grant or 5th.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Totals.....	\$1,815,380 46	\$610,054 00	\$1,975,434 46		\$6,296 90		\$3,007 30	\$9,304 20	\$1,806 35	\$6,296 90	\$3,007 30	\$9,304 20	\$1,806 35	\$6,296 90	\$3,007 30	\$9,304 20	\$1,806 35	\$6,296 90	\$3,007 30	\$9,304 20	\$1,806 35

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WEBSTER COUNTY.

DISTRICTS.			
Fork Lick.....	Real Estate.	Aggregate Real Estate and Personal Property.	Rate of Levy for Teachers' Fund.
Glade.....			\$65,335.00
Holly.....			\$477,857.39
Totals.....			\$543,192.39

DISTRICTS.			
Fork Lick.....	Real Estate.	Aggregate Real Estate and Personal Property.	Rate of Levy for Teachers' Fund.
Glade.....			\$29,153.00
Holly.....			\$17,980.00
Totals.....			\$47,857.39

WETZEL COUNTY.

DISTRICTS.			
Magnolia.....	Real Estate.	Aggregate Real Estate and Personal Property.	Rate of Levy for Teachers' Fund.
Proctor.....			\$96,354.00
Church.....			\$232,813.74
Grant.....			\$181,544.25
Green.....			\$170,113.08
Totals.....			\$1,261,246.43

DISTRICTS.			
Fork Lick.....	Real Estate.	Aggregate Real Estate and Personal Property.	Rate of Levy for Teachers' Fund.
Glade.....			\$255,147.36
Holly.....			\$146,060.58
Totals.....			\$417,510.93

DISTRICTS.			
Fork Lick.....	Real Estate.	Aggregate Real Estate and Personal Property.	Rate of Levy for Teachers' Fund.
Glade.....			\$29,153.00
Holly.....			\$17,980.00
Totals.....			\$477,857.39

DISTRICTS.			
Fork Lick.....	Real Estate.	Aggregate Real Estate and Personal Property.	Rate of Levy for Teachers' Fund.
Glade.....			\$29,153.00
Holly.....			\$17,980.00
Totals.....			\$477,857.39

WIRT COUNTY.

DISTRICTS.		School Taxes.									
		Aggregate State School Tax Per Head.									
		School Tax Per Head on the \$100.									
Real Estate.		Real Estate.	Personal Property	Teachers Fund.	Levvy for Teachers.	Levvy for Schools.	Building Fund.	District Tax Levy.	Levvy for Building Funds.	District Tax Levy.	Aggregate of both Funds.
		\$ 91,275.29	\$ 25,882.30	\$ 50.00	\$ 586.28	\$ 40.00	\$ 460.02	\$ 1,065.30	\$ 1,485.33	\$ 91.27	\$ 25.98
City of Newark.....		104,054.76	34,614.00	50.00	346.67	40.00	138.66	104.61	34.61	117.25	33.66
Elizabeth.....		147,841.08	61,381.00	209,222.08	40.00	836.88	10.00	209.22	1,046.10	147.84	61.38
Buckley.....		64,161.45	23,882.00	85,494.48	40.00	351.45	30.00	107.95	64.61	61.38	38.49
Burning Springs.....		200,757.87	78,169.00	278,926.45	50.00	1,394.65	40.00	2,510.35	200.75	78.16	278.91
Spring Creek.....		82,724.33	32,162.00	115,826.33	40.00	347.47	30.00	83.72	82.10	15.82	87.38
Totals.....		69,998.06	11,463.00	817,463.00	30.00	262.00	30.00	349.61	611.81	69.99	17.40
		\$762,268.37	\$273,535.00	\$1,065,738.37		\$4,243.93		\$7,227.68	\$723.51	\$1,065.73	\$2,100.73

WOOD COUNTY.

WYOMING COUNTY.

DISTRICTS.	Real Estate.	Personal Property	Average Rate of Real Estate and Personal Property.	Rate of Levy for Teachers' Fund	Rate of Levy for Building Fund.	District Tax Levy-Ley-Building Fund	Average District Tax Levy-Building Fund.	State School Tax of 10 cents on \$100 Value added to Real Estate.	State School Tax of 10 cents on \$100 Value added to Personal Property.	State School Tax of 10 cents on \$100 Value added to Personal Property.	Aggregate State School Taxes.
Oceans.....	\$ 527,952 75	\$ 25,534 00	\$ 533,486 75	10 00	\$ 553 48	\$ 1,166 96	\$ 627 95	\$ 25 53	\$ 563 48	\$ 11 26	.....
Center.....	32,057 75	11,293 00	45,320 75	50	216 00	40	173 29	339 68	324 05	45 31	.....
Clear Fork.....	73,823 75	26,921 00	100,744 75	10	100 74	20	201 15	301 89	73 82	100 74	.....
Huff's Creek.....	39,994 63	10,354 00	50,348 63	40	201 40	20	100 70	302 10	39 99	10 35	50 34
Burker Ridge.....	146,467 75	8,145 00	151,612 75	25	386 53	25	386 53	146 46	8 14	154 60	.....
Slab Fork.....	43,678 00	9,136 00	52,864 00	50	264 32	25	132 16	396 48	43 67	9 18	52 85
Totals.....	\$863,974 63	\$91,403 00	\$955,377 63		\$1,723 07		\$3,210 37	\$863 94	\$91 38	\$955 32	\$1,335 32
Grand Total In State.....	\$89,709,133 14	\$41,523,518 55	\$141,232,652 09		\$309,343 11						

Names and Post Office Addresses of County Superintendents of Free Schools, in West Virginia, for Official Term, beginning September 1st, 1875, and ending August 30th, 1877.

COUNTIES.	NAMES OF SUPERINTENDENTS.	POST OFFICE ADDRESS
Barbour.....	Perry Marteny.....	Burnersville.
Berkeley.....	E. M. Walker.....	Martingburg.
Boone.....	Cary Toney.....	Mouth Short Creek.
Braxton.....	J. W. Humphreys.....	Braxton C. H.
Brooke.....	J. W. Hough.....	Bethany.
Cabell.....	D. L. Duncan.....	Thordike.
Calhoun.....	D. W. Knight.....	Grantsville.
Clay.....	R. E. Le Sueur.....	Big Sycamore.
Doddridge.....	J. V. Blair.....	New Milton.
Fayette.....	O. W. Hughart.....	Look Out.
Gilmer.....	Levi Johnson.....	Glenville.
Grant.....	C. M. Babb.....	Greenland.
Greenbrier.....	W. H. Lewis.....	Palestine.
Hampshire.....	A. M. Alverson.....	Capon Bridge.
Hancock.....	H. C. Shepherd.....	New Cumberland.
Hardy.....	G. T. Williams.....	Moorefield.
Harrison.....	J. R. Adams.....	Clarksburg.
Jackson.....	Lewis Young.....	Jackson C. H.
Jefferson.....	John Hess.....	Duffield.
Kanawha.....	Martin Hill.....	Charleston.
Lewis.....	G. W. Crook.....	Weston.
Lincoln.....	F. M. Vickers.....	Hamlin.
Logan.....	J. W. Stafford.....	Logan C. H.
Marion.....	J. M. Satterfield.....	Fairmont.
Marshall.....	W. M. Wirt.....	Dallas.
Mason.....	C. E. Hogg.....	Point Pleasant.
McDowell.....	J. F. Gamble.....	Perryville.
Meyer.....	A. B. Phipps.....	Princeton.
Mineral.....	J. A. Sharpless.....	Piedmont.
Monongalia.....	A. L. Wade.....	Morgantown.
Monroe.....	J. D. Beckett.....	Union.
Morgan.....	Geo. Buck.....	Berkeley Springs.
Nicholas.....	J. H. Robinson.....	Nicholas C. H.
Ohio.....	J. C. Farris.....	West Liberty.
Pendleton.....	William McQuain.....	Franklin.
Pleasants.....	C. C. Davis.....	Saint Mary's.
Pocahontas.....	J. W. Warwick.....	Buckeye Cove.
Preston.....	J. H. Feather.....	Valley Point.
Putnam.....	M. S. Kirtley.....	Hurricane Depot.
Raleigh.....	G. W. Cook.....	Raleigh C. H.
Randolph.....	J. W. Price.....	Mingo Flats.
Ritchie.....	J. N. Kendall.....	Harrisiaville.
Roane.....	Buenos Ayres.....	3 Forks Reedy.
Summers.....	C. L. Ellison.....	Rollinsburg.
Taylor.....	S. R. Powell.....	Pruntytown.
Tucker.....	W. B. Maxwell.....	Saint George.
Tyler.....	T. N. Parks.....	Conaway.
Upshur.....	Geo. R. Latham.....	Sand Run.
Wayne.....	J. H. Napier.....	Adkins' Mills.
Webster.....	C. W. Benedum.....	Webster C. H.
Wetzel.....	W. A. Newman.....	Knob Fork.
Wirt.....	D. C. Casto.....	Wirt C. H.
Wood.....	S. T. Stapleton.....	Parkersburg.
Wyoming.....	Albert Shannon.....	Sun Hill.
Wheeling City.....	J. C. Hervey.....	Wheeling.

REPORTS
OF
COUNTY SUPERINTENDENTS
FOR THE
SCHOOL YEAR ENDING AUGUST 31, 1875.

BARBOUR COUNTY—PERRY MARTENEY, *Sup't.*

I regret to say my efforts to obtain the proper *data* from which to make my report have been unsuccessful, and consequently, have delayed making it until this late period. I believe now, however, the financial part of my report is correct. During the past year schools have been in operation within every school district. We also had two graded schools taught last summer, one by W. W. Teter, the other by Miss M. E. Gould. Quite a number of our young teachers were in attendance, and made rapid progress.

The daily attendance of scholars the past year has not been very favorable, and I am at a loss to account for it, but attribute as much fault to the Legislature as I do to parents and teachers.

According to the enumeration of youth returned to me, there are three thousand nine hundred and three youths in this county. The attendance, one thousand seven hundred and seventy-three—less than one-half attending school. This is a poor compliment to the educational interests of our county. The people pay their tax to support the free schools yet they do not send their children.

I think the school law could be amended much for the better, but shall not at this time dictate, as I believe the next Legislature will

make such amendments as will promote the cause of education generally, throughout our State.

TEACHERS AND GRADES OF THEIR CERTIFICATES.

Elisha Newman.....	4	L. W. Robinson.....	2
C. W. Cox.....	1	S. Talbott.....	2
E. H. Compton.....	2	J. S. Nestor.....	1
A. B. Moore.....	1	J. L. Malcolm.....	1
Thomas Madden.....	1	H. L. Nestor.....	1
Mrs. M. E. Smith.....	2	J. M. Goodwin.....	2
John W. Shank.....	1	W. R. Bennett.....	1
Cyrus Poling.....	1	T. W. A. Bowman.....	2
S. L. Stalnaker.....	2	R. Rohr.....	3
F. B. Durrett.....	1	Miss A. A. Young.....	1
J. S. Cornwell.....	1	C. M. Moore.....	2
S. L. Christlef.....	1	D. K. Ford.....	1
E. S. Daniels.....	1	Miss N. C. Sipe.....	3
Wm. F. McGee.....	1	Ira L. Eurit.....	3
W. K. Bowers.....	1	R. E. Hudkins.....	2
James A. Cole.....	1	R. L. Talman.....	1
Wm. D. Zinn.....	2	M. L. Nestor.....	1
George W. Stalnaker.....	2	Miss Roanna Apper.....	1
J. M. Curkendoll.....	3	Miss Elsie Norris.....	1
J. N. Zinn.....	1	J. W. Cleavinger.....	3
Jon. Hathaway.....	1	J. L. Glasscock.....	1
Wm. B. Poling.....	2	J. E. Heatherly.....	1
F. L. Swick.....	2	C. W. Cleavinger.....	3
Nelson Peck.....	1	W. S. Lang.....	2
Andrew Hathaway.....	3	N. Duckworth.....	3
J. W. Wheeler.....	2	A. T. Corder.....	2
Wm. E. Corder.....	1	Miss Helen St. Clair.....	1
S. A. Shanabarger.....	3	Miss Libbie A. Wolf.....	1
Melville Peck.....	1	Miss Emma Pickens.....	
A. W. Stalnaker.....	3	W. A. Street.....	2
Miss Z. M. Powell.....	3	Miss C. V. Street.....	2
S. S. Zinn.....	1	W. A. Gaunt.....	3
A. J. Hartman.....	1	James F. Hartman.....	3
Steward Wilmot.....	2	F. M. Talbott.....	2
J. W. Gathrop.....	1	Miss Fannie Damon.....	2
W. M. Coburn.....	1	M. W. Morrison.....	1
A. Valentine.....	2	C. H. Holden.....	2
J. A. Dunham.....	1	Miss A. Sinsel.....	2
E. A. Waugh.....	2	Miss Lucelia Douglass.....	2

BERKELEY COUNTY—E. M. WALKER, *Sup't.*

By the grace of Providence I am permitted to make the second annual report of the public schools of Berkeley county since my official duties as Superintendent have begun. Whilst the report is imperfect, (as all things human,) I hope it may give such information as, not only, to be promotive of the school interests of Berkeley county, but, in connection with the other county reports, may add its mite in propagating the interests of the public school system of our young State. These reports are tedious to make out, to a respectable conclusion, from the complicated reports of the districts, and the inconformity of the printed headings of district reports and those of the annual report books. But we recognize the importance of these reports as being one of the great auxiliaries in maintaining the general discipline of the schools of the State; without which they would

soon fall into decay and become a huge chaos. My experience has been that discipline is the soul of the school, and, it matters little what the teacher's qualifications are as to his text books, if he fails as a disciplinarian, the school is a failure; therefore we enjoin upon our teachers that their first great duty is, to put their schools, morally, under excellent discipline, and then they may teach with that success which is so essential for the welfare of our schools. The institution is slowly surmounting the old prejudices which still linger in the bosoms of those who cannot see why they should pay taxes for the education of other people's children, not taking the fact into consideration that educated labor is worth twenty-five per centum more than uneducated, and that morally, socially and pecuniarily the advantage is in favor of the large property holder. These old prejudices must be overcome by the usefulness of the public schools, and their good fruit borne by the masses. To do this the system must make ample returns for the money expended upon them—must be made a credit to the State. How that word "free school" tingles in mine ears, from a sort of odium attached to it some years ago, but may Providence help us to get away from it, (the odium) as I think He has in Berkeley, and hope, throughout the State. Some years ago it was pointed out to us as discreditable to teach in the "*free schools*" of the county, now it seems to rank among the laudable professions, and yet the salaries, as you may see from the reports, have been reduced. This shows that cramped and fettered as we are, in some respects, that we may make the system popular among all classes by displaying energy and honesty of purpose, from the highest to the lowest officer connected with the system. You will observe that the teachers of this county are improving, for, as the school boy would say, we are still bearing on, making the examinations harder rather than easier, impressing upon them the importance of good order. I would suggest some changes in the school law, section 2. Ten days are allowed to the presidents and clerks of elections to make report of election to the Board of Education of their district. This strikes us as simply nonsense, when it could be done in one day as well as ten. Under this section it takes as long to hear from a county school election as a United States election. May we be delivered from this. The judges and clerks who hold the election under the above section should be paid reasonably, say \$2 each; also the trustees and the members of the several boards of education. There is no just reason why these officers should perform this work gratis. If the work is worth being done it is worth paying for. I would like to make comments upon the defects in the law, but time and space will not permit. I gave you in my last report a geographical account of the various districts

in Berkeley county, and think it now only necessary to refer you to my statistical and financial reports to show the working of the public school system in the districts of the county. We are obtaining an excellent class of teachers, and great harmony prevails. A bright future is dawning.

The taxable property of the several districts in this county is as follows, together with the amounts levied in each district for the respective funds :

In Mill Creek District the whole amount of taxable property was \$592,121, on which a levy of 12 cents on the one hundred dollars valuation, produced \$710.54 for teacher's fund, and a levy of 4 cents produced \$236.85 for building fund.

In Gerardstown District the taxable property was \$645,628; levy for teacher's fund 25 cents, producing \$1,614.07 ; levy for building fund 10 cents, producing \$645.62.

In Arden District the whole amount of taxable property was \$844,028, from which by a levy of 20 cents there was raised for teacher's fund \$1,688.16, and by a levy of 5 cents for building fund there was raised \$465.71.

In Opequon District, taxable property \$686,252, levy for teacher's fund 19 cents, amount levied \$1,581.17 ; levy for building fund 8 cents, producing \$665.75.

In Falling Waters, whole amount of property \$699,052 ; levy for teacher's fund 30 cents, amounting to \$2,097.14 ; for buiding fund, levy 5 cents, amounting to \$349.51.

City of Martinsburg, Independent District, amount of taxable property \$1,705,301 ; levy for teacher's fund 50 cents, building fund 20 cents, producing in the aggregate \$11,937.10.

In Hedgesville, amount of property \$927,416 ; levy for teacher's fund 20 cents, producing \$2,380.54 ; building fund 5 cents, making \$463.70.

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TEACHERS AND GRADES OF THEIR CERTIFICATES.

John Sellers.....	1	George A. Newton (colored).....	2
B. F. Snyder.....	2	George W. Green (colored).....	4
W. A. Pitzer.....	1	John T. Butler (colored).....	4
M. G. Albright.....	1	O. N. Heatmale.....	3
Joel Hine.....	3	B. J. Reed.....	2
Joseph Tisinger.....	2	J. H. Triplett.....	3
J. Newton Hall.....	1	A. B. Zimmerman.....	2
Wm. Beall.....	2	W. H. Hollis.....	3
H. S. Butts.....	2	R. Frankenberg.....	5
G. Wm. M. Tabler.....	2	D. S. Noble.....	2
S. C. Rhodes.....	2	Dr. Geo. W. Daniels.....	2
M. H. Carter.....	2	E. P. Williamson.....	5
Henry C. Evans.....	2	Miss Laura J. Harley.....	1
James W. B. Evans.....	2	Miss Ella Duncan.....	1
F. M. Franal.....	1	Miss H. V. Stump.....	1
Morgan Morgan.....	2	Mrs. Dr. Johnson.....	1
John T. McKown.....	3	Miss Mollie McCaleb.....	1
Wm. H. Miller.....	4	Miss A. E. Griffith.....	1
M. K. Butts.....	3	Miss Laura Olmstead.....	1
Samuel L. Dodd.....	2	Miss M. A. Vanmeter.....	3
James Robinson.....	3	Miss Lizzie C. Raynolds.....	4
D. H. Dodd.....	4	Miss Susan Williamson.....	3
T. C. Siler.....	2	Miss Maggie Beard.....	2
A. P. Lord.....	2	Miss Nellie Anderson.....	2
Charles R. Nipe.....	4	Miss Octavia Triplett.....	4
C. W. Wayble.....	1	Miss Mary B. McKown.....	4
J. H. Easter.....	2	Lucy Christy (colored).....	4
J. Walker Pultz.....	2	Sarah Johnson (colored).....	4
Wm. B. Stewart.....	2	Lilly Lee (colored).....	5
J. E. Honser.....	2	Katy Taylor (colored).....	4
A. M. Graham.....	1	Mary Branson (colored).....	5
J. P. Stump.....	2		

BOONE COUNTY—CARY TONEY, *Sup't.*

It is a source of regret to me that our schools have not generally been taught the full period of four months. I am fully convinced that our people are in favor of the free school system, and will continue to carry out the provisions of the school law, and will carry it out more eagerly.

The vote for levy at our last election was greater than it ever had been; but few voting against levy. Persons who formerly opposed the levy are now the warmest supporters of it.

I am in hopes our Legislature, at its next sitting, will correct errors that its wisdom may best judge.

TEACHERS AND GRADES OF THEIR CERTIFICATES.

Wm. D. Alford.....	2	Ella Vanhorn.....	1
George Sayres.....	2	J. A. Cassidy.....	1
L. D. Browning.....	3	W. H. Ball.....	3
Franklin H. Brown, (colored).....	3	Miss I. E. Easter.....	3
Alexander James, (colored).....	2	Gilbert M. Ball.....	3
Wm. C. Ryan.....	2	F. M. Vickers.....	1
S. H. Campbell.....	1	L. F. Vickers.....	3
W. B. Chapman.....	1	John F. D. Bowman.....	2
I. R. F. Mosely.....	1	John H. Wood.....	1
M. J. Bradley.....	1	B. F. Hager.....	3
A. V. Pixley.....	1	John F. Ball.....	3
John Morris.....	1	Susan Cantley.....	1
R. M. Campbell.....	1	Ella E. Hopkins.....	3
V. Sanford.....	2	Henriette H. Hopkins.....	1
John C. Chapman.....	2	S. W. Oxley.....	2
A. B. Whittier.....	2	John P. Harman.....	3
Adam Toney.....	3	Ison Foster.....	2
Isaac L. Eustace.....	1	Millard Adkins.....	3
W. L. Vanhorn.....	1		

BRAXTON COUNTY—J. W. HUMPHRIES, *Sup't.*

I herewith transmit my annual report for the year ending August 31, 1875. This report has been very difficult to make, for two reasons: In the first place there is a discrepancy between the blanks used by the secretaries of the several boards and that used by myself, the secretaries not having been furnished with the new blank forms for a report. And in the second place, there was a change of secretaries in the Holly District, which prevented a complete and accurate report from being made from that district. It will be seen that the county is in debt to the Building Fund \$1,686.66, and has a surplus to the credit of the Teacher's Fund of \$1,268.64.

There seems to be an indifference on the part of trustees as to their duties; comparatively few of them make reports of any kind to the secretaries. It occurs to me that this neglect of duty should be made cause for dismissal or removal by the boards, until we get trustees who will make reports.

As my term of office commenced at the close of this scholastic year, I did not visit any of the schools, but my predecessor informs me that they rendered general satisfaction.

The independent District of Sutton has a school house which, though incomplete, was in use for three months during the summer. There were seven houses built in the county this year.

Although the free school system is steadily gaining in popularity among the intelligent and appreciative portion of our population, there still exists a prejudice against it, which cannot be accounted for, only that those who oppose it are generally men who are opposed to progress in the right direction generally.

TEACHERS AND GRADES OF THEIR CERTIFICATES.

Miss H. D. Floyd.....	2	H. W. Herald	1
E. V. Frame.....	2	M. F. Gibson.....	2
W. T. Keener.....	4	L. A. Friend	3
C. K. Newlon.....	2	J. P. Berry.....	1
M. Wisenfeld.....	3	M. F. Corley.....	2
J. A. Pierson.....	1	V. B. Frame.....	2
G. M. Berry.....	1	J. S. Garee.....	2
Mrs. C. D. Berry.....	1	P. E. Berry.....	1
D. S. Morton.....	1	J. M. Hanna.....	2
J. E. Rollyson.....	5	Willie Frame.....	5
B. F. Hamric.....	3	F. L. Morrison.....	3
W. H. Given.....	3	W. L. Kelly.....	2
M. A. Wilangby.....	5	J. W. Berry.....	1
B. F. Keener.....	2	Miss Sarah Hickman.....	4
Miss C. E. Berry.....	3	J. F. Berry.....	1
W. S. Hammer.....	1	W. H. Green	2
C. L. Engle.....	2	Miss Bridgett Green.....	3
J. W. Humphreys.....	1	Miss L. J. Berry.....	3
J. A. Curry.....	3	Miss Ella Berry.....	3
C. L. Wilson.....	3	W. M. Roberts.....	2
J. C. Salisbury.....	4	J. M. Roberts.....	3
C. S. Hall.....	1	C. R. Taylor.....	2
Miss I. M. Garee.....	2	J. M. Hyer.....	2
Mortimer Rose.....	1	B. F. Keener.....	2
T. E. Friend.....	5	J. E. Rollyson.....	3
Reed Powers.....	2	J. M. Stewart.....	4
J. M. Hamric.....	3	W. T. Keener.....	3
J. M. Hyer.....	3	J. W. Hanna	1
J. S. Garee.....	3	P. C. Roberts.....	2
J. Y. Gillaspie.....	4	David McQueen	2
W. K. Bender.....	1	P. L. Curry.....	1
J. G. Perrine.....	3	Willie Frame	4
N. H. Meadows.....	3	J. C. Salisbury.....	3
J. Newt. Rusmisel.....	1	A. C. Ellison.....	5
W. M. Roberts.....	3	William Kraft.....	4
G. R. Gibson.....	2	L. P. Rogers.....	2
A. J. Salisbury.....	2	D. B. Loyd.....	3
S. F. Griffin.....	1	M. E. Fiddler	2
T. G. Cutlip.....	1	F. B. Hosey.....	4
L. D. Humphries.....	1		

BROOKE COUNTY—J. W. HOUGH, *Sup't.*

In submitting this, my fifth annual report of the condition of free schools in Brooke county, it affords me great pleasure to say that last year was one of unusual prosperity for Brooke county in educational matters. We had faithful and energetic teachers; all seemed to be indefatigable in their labors. I think all succeeded in securing the attention of pupils, and advancing them in the various branches of study. I think our school law, as it is at present, works well, but would suggest some amendments. Would it not be better to have our school election at the time of general State or county election, and thus obviate the expense of two elections? In regard to the power of the Board of Education, as to annual levy for the support of schools, I think the length of time for which to levy should be left discretionary with the Board, because voters will differ very much in regard to this matter. If the matter was left with the Board, it would doubtless be as satisfactory to the people, and as well for the school system.

As to the number of days for school month, would not twenty be much better than twenty-two? It would be much more convenient in making out reports. We should, in my opinion, in order to secure the great design for which the school system was instituted, adopt a compulsory system of education. It is a fact that comes under our daily observation that some of our citizens deprive their children of the advantages of an education by detaining them from school on the most trivial causes.

Children have rights, and one right is the advantage of an education, where the State provides for it, and the parent who is so ignorant or indolent as to deprive the child of this most sacred right ought to be compelled by legislative enactment to send his child to school.

I return my thanks to the people of Brooke county for their encouragement and support in my efforts to advance the cause of education.

TEACHERS AND GRADES OF THEIR CERTIFICATES.

F. C. Waddle.....	2	Lizzie B. Lazear.....	1
Annie Lazear.....	2	Annie B. Halley.....	1
S. Cornelia Hunter.....	2	Will. A. Strain.....	1
John A. Blattan.....	1	A. S. Hunter.....	2
Lein. J. Tucker.....	1	W. B. Orr.....	2
Samuel Ampoker.....	1	Martha J. Cox.....	1
W. M. Tom.....	2	Annie M. Bell.....	1
Henry Hervey.....	1	James B. Lazear.....	1
Kate McGuire.....	2	Sade B. Garrett.....	1
Hermine Wright.....	2	James D. Lazear.....	1
J. C. Wright.....	2	Addie Carriens.....	1
H. E. Worstell.....	1	Charles Kyle.....	1
James L. Richardson.....	1	Jane Smith.....	2
Catharine Sharp.....	2	Jennie W. Fouch.....	1
A. C. Snedeker.....	1	Belle Speaker.....	2
Frank P. St. Clair.....	1	Jennie Ray.....	1
R. M. Lee.....	1	Carrie E. Burt.....	1
Amelia S. Biggs.....	3	E. M. St. Clair.....	2
W. D. Cox.....	4	W. H. Anderson.....	1
Lizzie Hough.....	1	R. B. Anderson.....	1

CABELL COUNTY—WM. ALGEO, Supt.

We have 3471 of school age, an increase of 171, or about 0.51 per cent. over last year. The enumeration last July (which goes into the report of 1876) shows an increase of nearly 0.6 per cent. Our non-attendance is too large for a civilized people and an enlightened age, but to give the reasons for this frightful absenteeism would be to repeat what was said last year. Cannot something be done for these helpless victims of circumstances? It appears to me that there should be a law compelling parents to send their children to school. This may not look democratic, but all dangerous diseases should receive heroic treatment.

Look at Prussia to-day! What has given her the commanding position and influence she has among the nations of Europe and the world? The compulsory clause in her school law. If we had such a clause in our school law, no man should complain, but thank God for such a beneficent system. We are thankful here because the light of intelligence is becoming brighter and brighter every day, and with God's blessing its rays will soon penetrate to the most benighted regions. I take pleasure in saying that the secretaries of Guyandotte, Union, McComas and the village of Barboursville, sent correct reports to this office this time. The report from Barboursville district is wrong in several particulars. Our schools were better this year than ever before. Teachers know that the standard of qualifications is raised every year, and they labor to improve themselves.

The report from Huntington is correct, and so is the most important part of report from Grant. I made fifty-four visits to schools, and in every instance found teachers doing well. I ordered teachers to use none but Harvey's Grammar, but in some instances the people told the teacher to give no heed to my instructions, and they would pay all fines. I cannot see how any one competent to judge can want his child to use Pinneo rather than Harvey. I am still of the opinion that Stahl's Registers are too complex for the misses and boys that generally use them; besides many of our school officers are not educated in any sense of that word.

We had too colored schools this year, one in Guyandotte and the other in Huntington. I visited both and found them progressing finely. We did hope to start another school for the blacks at the Court House, but the change made in the law in 1873 made it impossible. We believe this law does the colored people a great wrong. There are few places in West Virginia outside of the large towns where twenty-five can be got together, and where this cannot be done the colored children must grow up like noxious weeds. The comparison does not stop here; without education they will be as useless as weeds, and will finally be cut down by a law they never had an opportunity to know. We have bad schools for the whites that did not average ten pupils in daily attendance. Why cannot ten negro children have the same opportunities? We know the fund belonging to the colored youth "can be used in such a way as the Board of Education may deem best," but this clause is a dead letter. In 1872 I told the colored people if they would move into one district, (those near Cabell C. H.,) I would get a teacher for them. Many of them moved near town, as they say, for no other reason. The law was changed in 1873, and now these people believe that I misrepresented facts, and

never intended to give them a school. If I had more room I would go more into details, but most of the facts given here can be gleaned from the body of this report.

For the school year ending August 31, 1874, we had but 61 per cent. of the youths enrolled as pupils of our schools, while the average attendance was only 33½ per cent. For the year just closed we report 3,471 of school age. Of this number 2,297 were enrolled as members of our schools, and the average attendance was 1,238. In other words, 66 1-10 per cent. of our children were nominally pupils in some school, while but 35 6-10 per cent. were really so. It will be seen that we are improving in this direction. In this matter of educating their children the blacks have shown more interest than we have. Here are the figures: We have 121 colored youth in the county; 87 of this number are enrolled as members of the two schools they had, and the average attendance is reported as 62. In other words, 72 per cent. are enrolled, and the average attendance is 52 per cent. of the whole number. Our schools being in session during the cold months a large per cent. are kept at home from lack of clothing and shoes. Some more do not come to school because their parents cannot, or will not, get books.

Our free school system has some bitter enemies, but they are so few that they are ashamed to say much. The people now understand their own interests, and the free school system is an institution with us forever. No earthly power can remove it from our midst. We had two graded and fifty-five common schools. The teachers of these schools received for their services the sum of \$10,840.17. The cost for fuel for these schools was \$620.84, for enrollment \$83, for sweeping buildings and making fires \$227.95. After houses are built and furnished these will be about all the necessary expenses excepting a few dollars in each sub-district for contingencies. Taking these amounts for a basis, and reckoning the cost of tuition per pupil from the average attendance, the cost of tuition per pupil is \$9.58 for a session of 5 1-14 months. This is certainly cheap, and there is no reason why it could not be much cheaper. If parents would send their children to school it would be cheaper. It is true that any one interested in the subject can take the figures from the body of the report and make his own calculations, but the misfortune is that few will take that trouble.

We examined and granted certificates to 77 applicants this year. The strangest part of the business is that *not one failed*. I paid over to examiners, for two days preparing our work and four days examining, \$54.00. I paid to the Sheriff \$16.00, for which I hold his receipts. Two persons were admitted to a private examination to fill vacancies

caused by the resignation of teachers. There is yet \$5.00 unaccounted for.

TEACHERS AND GRADES OF THEIR CERTIFICATES.

J. T. Hysell.....	2	J. D. Carter.....	2
Miss Jessie Miller.....	3	A. H. Melrose.....	2
Mrs. A. F. Delaney.....	2	E. W. Black.....	4
Miss L. Mausin.....	2	J. D. Undsell.....	2
Miss Flora Scott.....	2	M. E. Vass.....	3
Miss Mary Johnson.....	2	Rice C. Vass.....	2
Miss C. R. J. well.....	2	Lucetta Blake.....	3
Miss Emma Richey.....	3	A. U. Laidley.....	2
John Wegal.....	1	C. Morrison.....	2
Miss E. McKnight.....	2	Geo. Boster.....	2
Miss Alice Hoff.....	2	T. Ray.....	3
W. M. Workman.....	2	Miss A. Hoff.....	2
John Leidley.....	2	Miss Cassie Hanley.....	4
Mrs. J. E. Laidley.....	2	W. J. James (colored).....	3
A. D. Chesterman.....	2	C. F. Butler.....	1
D. B. Childers.....	3	Isaac Bryant (colored).....	3
E. A. Swann.....	4	J. J. Rousey.....	2
S. A. Vayne.....	2	G. T. Shirkey.....	1
Miss E. Gillett.....	2	J. C. Reece.....	1
Miss E. Sayre.....	2	E. W. Black.....	4
Chas. A. Walton.....	3	J. A. Black.....	2
Edgar Gardner.....	4	Mrs. J. A. Jones (colored).....	4
J. A. Hatchfield.....	4	Ida Hanley.....	3
Jos. M. Hatfield.....	2	Emma J. McComas.....	3
T. B. Summers.....	2	Jas. L. Clark.....	3
Miss A. Blake.....	4	W. P. Nye.....	3
R. A. Claughton.....	2	C. W. Payne.....	1
C. S. Boston (colored).....	3	Lyda Beeson.....	3
R. W. Lewis.....	3	P. H. Childers.....	2
Henry L. Beckett.....	3	Miss E. Stone.....	2
Arthur Merrill.....	2	S. Scott.....	4
Peyton Walker.....	3	D. S. Henderson.....	3
Miss A. Ruffner	2	C. T. Childers.....	4
Miss M. Wilson.....	4	W. C. Bramblett.....	2
J. A. Black.....	3	T. B. Summers.....	1
E. M. Dunning.....	2	H. C. Dunkle.....	2
H. J. Baumgardner.....	2	R. C. Chatterson.....	2
Miss Georgia Hunt.....	2	J. N. Russell.....	2
Geo. R. Dement.....	4		

CALHOUN COUNTY—P. W. BRUFFY, *Sup't.*

You will be able to note quite an improvement in the school department of this county by comparing this report with that of last year. You will see that the whole number attending school is 1,011; total average daily attendance, 706. Last year the number attending school was 844, and the average daily attendance 592; an increase of 167 attending school, and 114 average daily attendance. The average number of months taught last year was 2.77; this year it is 2.90. I consider school officers and teachers have done their respective duties, and succeeded in conducting their business well, and that there is a growing interest in schools on the part of people, teachers and officers.

Calhoun County Teachers' Institute has been in session about four different times in this year, at which many of our teachers were pres-

ent, manifesting quite an interest, and it is hoped that good results will be the fruit of their labor.

It is found to be quite expensive and laborious to teachers to attend and keep up the organization of the institute, and in consideration of that fact it is respectfully suggested that the law requiring twenty-two days for a school month be changed to twenty days, thereby enabling a teacher to teach a month in a month and on the expense of a month's board, as boarding is estimated by the week and four weeks for a month, whilst it requires four weeks and two days to teach a month; and that the time spent at institutes, when the teacher is engaged in teaching, be allowed as time taught, and compensated in the same way.

The Board of Education does not allow salary sufficiently remunerative to command the services of the best teachers. Thirty-five dollars per month is the highest for No. 1 teachers. Allowing ten dollars per month for board, the teacher would not make more than twenty-four dollars per month, to say nothing about other expenses connected with the school, which would be not less than four dollars, leaving the teacher the small sum of twenty dollars per month. In consideration of the above facts, it is suggested that the law be so changed as to give greater margin for levy, and that the salary of teachers be fixed by law, making it uniform, at least, in counties.

It is further considered necessary to call the attention of the State Superintendent to the fact that the sheriff of this county declines or refuses to settle with the Board of Education, as required by section 46 of the school law, on the ground that an act passed by the Legislature, 1873, requiring the sheriff to settle with commissioners appointed by the courts for all moneys received and disbursed by him for county and district purposes; and it is believed that it would be more satisfactory to school officers, and more conducive to the interests of the people, if the sheriff be required to settle with the Board of education so far as pertains to school funds.

It is further suggested that section 34 of the school law be amended so as to more clearly define the duties of adjoining counties and districts in regard to the support of schools composed of different counties and districts, constituting union schools.

The working of the free school system is, generally, satisfactory, and the school laws applicable in most cases.

In conclusion, I respectfully tender my thanks to the people and school officers of Calhoun county for the courtesy extended me during my term of office.

TEACHERS AND GRADES OF THEIR CERTIFICATES.

Josiah Jarvis.....	3	C. E. Vandevender.....	1
Miss Emily Knight.....	3	A. E. Keller.....	3
W. H. Robisson.....	2	G. G. Stump.....	4
C. E. Robisson.....	2	T. K. Perrel.....	2
A. J. Barr.....	1	D. W. Knight.....	1
A. Dulin.....	1	E. B. Rolyson.....	1
Miss H. A. Wolverton.....	4	L. C. Fishback.....	1
Miss Z. E. Bruffey.....	1	S. A. Knotts.....	4
Miss Azetta Dulin.....	2	Miss Minora Knotts.....	5
Warren Johnson.....	1	J. U. Tetric.....	4
W. H. Ayres.....	1	A. Rice.....	3
Miss S. J. Downey.....	3	S. A. Knotts.....	3
A. W. Reip.....	2	J. A. Westfall.....	2
W. W. Cheonewoth.....	4		

CLAY COUNTY—R. E. LESUEUR, *Sup't.*

I find that the sheriff has been allowed a commission from seven and a half per cent. to nothing. The school law in the pamphlet form does not give the amount of commission.

They have also allowed him commission on the State fund. In making their settlements, every district charges so much as State, and Teachers' and Building Fund. I discovered that they add their State and Teachers' Fund together and take the amount of vouchers produced by sheriff from the whole amount, and then charge balance due on Teachers' Fund so much. Now, it is this way, suppose the State Fund is three hundred dollars, levy three hundred, the amount of vouchers three hundred dollars. Now they take the amount of vouchers from the whole, and suppose that the sheriff is entitled to commission from the fact that there was a levy laid to the amount of three hundred dollars, which would do; but on the next settlement they fail to recognize that the balance on hand is State Fund and the next settlement. They have received funds for another year of three hundred dollars, and they have a levy of three hundred dollars, which added to the balance on hand, make a sum of eight hundred and ninety-one dollars. Now the sheriff brings forward vouchers to the amount of five hundred and ninety-one dollars, which they allow him a commission on; this amount you see is composed of State and levy; the amount of State is five hundred and ninety-one dollars, and levy three hundred dollars, here he gets commission on two hundred and ninety-one dollars that comes from the State.

The county court has called on the sheriff for a settlement of the school funds, but they have not, as yet, been able to get one for the first time.

I do not think that the law will ever be complied with, until officers

become liable to a fine for not settling by such a time, and then they would make their arrangements to settle by the time.

We have had a great deal of trouble this fall in regard to a board of examiners, the presidents of the different boards failing to appoint a board, the new (officers) presidents coming into office, and thinking it not their duty, failed to meet for some time. I think it would be well to amend section twenty-seven of the school law, that if there be a failure on the part of the presidents of the different boards, that they meet at some other time appointed by the superintendent of the county.

Section sixteen should be amended so as to require the trustees to sell out to the lowest bidder, all articles included in this section, and give at least ten days notice of his intention by posting a notice on the school house door.

Section thirty-four. This section should be amended so as to compel boards of education to post notices of the sales of houses to be built in their districts, at least three weeks before sale, and sell publicly to the lowest bidder.

Section thirteen should be amended so that trustees should not employ teachers to commence schools until 1st November, unless at least two-thirds of the voters in sub-district sign a petition to that effect.

TEACHERS AND GRADES OF THEIR CERTIFICATES.

Samuel Ashley.....	3	B. M. Rogers.....	2
D. P. Bell.....	2	S. N. Rollyson.....	1
Jasper Givens.....	1	E. B. Rollyson.....	1
C. S. Hall.....	1	J. R. Shelton.....	2
W. L. Hall.....	3	C. A. Sydenstricker	1
L. W. Herold.....	1	G. Stephenson.....	1
R. F. Hamric.....	1	T. B. Stephenson.....	1
T. B. Horan.....	1	O. Stephenson	3
Rosa E. King.....	1	Wm. D. Sandford.....	2
James Koontz.....	1	Morgan Tuplet.....	2
J. B. Morris.....	2	Alex. Suminers.....	2
H. L. Morris.....	3	J. W. Whitman.....	1
John T. Moore.....	3	W. C. Young.....	2
F. F. McClung.....	1	D. K. Young	2
S. Nottingham.....	1	Jasper W. Young.....	1
D. S. Pettigrew.....	2		

DODDRIDGE COUNTY - J. V. BLAIR, Sup't.

This report must inevitably be inaccurate, as the reports made to me were very incomplete. As I was not in the county last year when the schools were in operation, I can not say much of their progress, but presume there was a very perceptible improvement, as there has been from year to year since the public schools commenced. I know that many of our young teachers were attending good schools in the

fall of '74, preparing for their important work. Surely their improvement was the schools' improvement, and their new-learned ideas became the property of the people. I admire and extol this enthusiastic and determined spirit that some of our teachers exhibit. It bids fair to root out and extinguish that class of teachers that spend all the vacation of our schools without trying to make any self improvement. I am convinced from another fact that our schools made some progress: My predecessor, Rev. F. J. Ashburn, was remarkable as an enthusiastic and energetic school worker, and I know that under his working influence they could but improve.

The school buildings built in the last three or four years have been put up on a more modern style than those formerly built. Many houses have been much improved, but we have several very inferior buildings yet.

In obedience to the fifty-sixth section of the school law, I proceed to say something concerning it. In the first place, I consider it a *good law*, and quite an improvement on the one we had previous to its adoption. But while I say this, I do not claim that it reaches the point *ne plus ultra*, nor that it is free from error. It is the *abuse* in the administration of this law by incompetent officers that has enshrouded it in gloom and darkness.

Now allow me to suggest a few amendments:

1. The report that I send you should be made by the superintendent in office during the year for which it is made out. This appears self-evident when we notice the fact that he knows the condition and progress of the schools for that year, while his successor has nothing from which to make a report, except the too often imperfect statistical and financial reports furnished by the Secretaries of the Boards of Education.
2. The members of the Board of Education should receive for every day necessarily engaged in the discharge of their duty such pay *per diem* as would justify them to be more attentive to the business of the office.
3. The school month should be changed from twenty-two to twenty days.
4. It should be definitely stated in the law that teachers' certificates expire with the scholastic year ending August 31st.

TEACHERS AND GRADES OF THEIR CERTIFICATES.

J. V. Blair.....	1	J. H. Benedim.....	2
Mary Slocumb.....	1	Henry Ash.....	2
T. M. Davis.....	1	W. A. Stern.....	2
Lucinda Davis.....	1	Hamilton Ash.....	2
Mary Strickling.....	1	J. J. Pope.....	2
Mary A. McGinnis.....	1	F. A. Orr.....	2
J. H. Gain.....	1	John Pearcey.....	2
G. W. Ice.....	1	D. G. Powell.....	2
Ella Charter.....	1	U. D. McClain.....	2
Jno. J. Ingle.....	1	M. S. Haues.....	2
Nettie Morse.....	1	T. P. Douglass.....	2
C. L. Polan.....	1	Hattie V. Powell.....	2
A. S. Lovall.....	1	C. H. Davis.....	2
Della Martin.....	1	J. K. Wilcox.....	2
A. D. Fleming.....	1	T. H. Kemper.....	2
M. A. Schute.....	1	T. W. Martin.....	2
Benton McMillan.....	1	Sarah E. McClain.....	2
P. B. McClain.....	1	Penelope Powell.....	2
W. H. Martin.....	1	D. F. F. Randolph.....	3
M. W. Davis.....	1	H. J. Enlow.....	3
Jas. S. Archbole.....	1	Rhoda Shull.....	3
Samantha McGinnis.....	1	John E. Romine.....	3
A. T. Archbole.....	1	Jas. C. Kemper.....	3
Jas. S. Boyers.....	1	John W. Fluegan.....	3
J. C. Liniger.....	1	Thomas B. Pepper.....	3
May Jeffrey.....	1	M. E. McClain.....	3
W. R. McIntire.....	1	Jas. T. Sherwood.....	3
M. I. Ripley.....	1	Samuel Larentz.....	3
Thomas P. Douglass.....	1	Lot Pearcey.....	3
Dixon Ash.....	1	David D. Garrett.....	3
W. F. Hudkins.....	1	Sarah J. Vanhorn.....	3
J. Taylor.....	1	W. B. Hudson.....	3
A. G. Ryan.....	2	Minda Underwood.....	3
Jas. A. Straley.....	2	A. M. Wade.....	3
Robert E. Lawrence.....	2	Robert E. McClain.....	3
T. H. Lowther.....	2	Ephraim Bell.....	3
Featus P. Ford.....	2	John O. Osborn.....	4
A. S. Britton.....	2	G. Doak.....	4
A. O. Britton.....	2	John D. Snodgrass.....	4

FAYETTE COUNTY—O. W. HUGHART, *Sup't.*

There is but little opposition to our free school system among us, and there is a noticeable improvement both in the teachers and the schools of this county.

I visited sixty-seven schools last year, and found most of them in good condition.

There are in the county five districts, and seventy-three sub-districts. Seventy-three schools were taught during the year, and two thousand and ninety-two attended school. This is about seventy-four per cent. of the whole number enumerated, while the attendance the previous year was only seventy-one per cent.

Falls—This District is divided into five sub-districts, and kept open seven schools for four months. It has five school-houses—two frame and three log, and another log house is nearly completed. The average salary paid teachers, \$34.50.

Kanawha—kept nine schools open four months. It has nine sub-districts and seven school houses—one frame and six log, and has under contract a good frame house, to be built at Kanawha Falls this year. Average salary of teachers \$36.11.

Fayetteville is divided into twenty sub-districts, and has nineteen log houses, all well seated. It has one log house under contract, which will be completed this winter. Nineteen schools were kept open on an average nearly four months. Average salary paid teachers in the district, \$36.56.

Mountain Cove—Three school houses were built in this district last year—two of these are the best in the county. It has twenty-three sub-districts, and twenty houses—twelve frame and eight log. Twenty-two schools were kept open four months. The County Superintendent taught the school at Look Out, in this district, which was attended by twelve young teachers. Average salary allowed teachers \$21.05.

Sewell Mountain.—This is a sparsely settled district, and the average daily attendance on four of its schools was only eleven, and another's average was only seven. It has seventeen sub-districts, and kept open sixteen schools for three months. There are in the district sixteen houses—all log—and another is under contract.

The Board has under contract a frame house, 32x24, with two rooms, at Quinncemont, which will be completed this winter. This house will cost about \$450. Average salary paid teachers \$30.56.

TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION.

"The Fayette County Teachers' Association" was organized last fall, and promises to be a success. There were three meetings of this association last year, and some of our teachers manifested a considerable interest in it, but I am sorry to say that not more than one half of the teachers of the county could be induced to attend. I think every teacher should be required to attend some county institute at least six days in each year.

SCHOOL LAW.

The following changes in the school law would, I think, advance the interests of our schools:

1. Teachers should be paid a uniform salary, according to grade, throughout the county;
2. Each member of the Board of Education should have a reasonable compensation for his services—say one dollar per day for not exceeding ten days in the year;
3. The school month should contain but twenty days.

TEACHERS AND GRADES OF THEIR CERTIFICATES.

Wm. A. Amick.....	3	Rowland Hill.....	4
Thos. P. Bagby.....	1	Miss V. E. Hill.....	3
J. A. Bennett.....	3	Miss C. J. Hitchcock.....	3
Benjamin Bibb.....	1	E. B. Huddleston.....	3
G. W. Bowers.....	2	D. H. Hundley.....	4
Miss E. Bradley.....	2	L. D. Isbell.....	1
W. L. Burdett.....	3	Mrs. M. L. Isbell.....	1
Jas. W. Burruss.....	3	C. F. Johnson.....	2
Isaac C. Cavendish.....	2	W. J. Kirk.....	3
Wm. H. Cooper.....	3	J. R. Koontz.....	2
A. F. Crookshanks.....	3	Marcellus Knight.....	2
R. W. Curran.....	2	J. C. Love.....	1
Milton Curtis.....	3	S. H. Love.....	1
A. O. Darlington.....	4	M. M. Malcolm.....	2
W. M. Davis.....	4	A. B. Maupin.....	2
Miss M. E. Dews.....	1	W. S. McCutchen.....	4
A. R. Dickerson.....	2	Miss Rebecca McKnight.....	3
J. W. Dickerson.....	3	Warren McVey.....	3
W. R. Duerison.....	2	W. C. Miller.....	3
John A. Early.....	3	W. M. Miller.....	2
P. M. Eades.....	5	M. T. Moore.....	2
D. B. Ensley.....	1	E. R. Morgan.....	1
T. E. Edwards.....	2	W. H. Rennick.....	2
John D. Feazell.....	2	F. W. Bucker.....	4
W. E. Feazell.....	2	W. H. Settle.....	3
J. R. Ford.....	2	R. N. Shreve.....	3
A. G. Flanagan.....	2	C. A. S. Sydenstricker.....	1
Miss R. E. Gilbreath.....	2	Miss E. V. Towles.....	2
Isaac Gilkeson.....	3	Mason D. Walker.....	4
Miss S. M. Hagerman.....	3	M. M. Warren.....	3
O. L. Hardy.....	2	W. J. Wood.....	1
Mrs. V. F. Harrow.....	2	Morris Wriston.....	3
Geo. F. Henry.....	1	W. H. Vaughan.....	3
G. C. Henry.....	2	Miss Virginia Young.....	2
L. D. Hill.....	1		

GILMER COUNTY—LEVI JOHNSON, *Sup't.*

We have expended this year in building, the sum of \$1,282.65, and for teachers the sum of \$5,098.67, and \$690.30 for repairs, fuel, &c., making the total expenditure in the county for educational purposes the sum of \$7,071.62 leaving a balance unexpended of the building fund of \$441.32, and of the teachers' fund of \$823.75.

Our people are almost unanimous in favor of the free school system, and are willing, without a murmur, to be taxed for the support of schools, as was shown by their last vote; there was scarcely a vote against it. But you will see from the reports that our schools (except the independent district of Glenville) could not be continued more than three months, notwithstanding some of the districts levied to the full limit of the law.

There is a great improvement in the class of teachers in our county; teachers that have been examined the present year, who were examined last year, have obtained from one to three better grades.

Our normal schools are turning out many good teachers annually, and should they be continued only a few years longer our State would be amply supplied with first-class teachers. Should the normal

schools be discontinued it will be a fatal blow to a uniform system of free schools. I hope that our Legislature will consider well before it acts upon the matter, and make appropriations to continue them.

The independent district of Glenville employs one teacher at a salary of \$40 per month, and pays the normal school \$225 for the privilege of sending part of the pupils to that school (which is in the same building), instead of hiring two teachers.

I visited as many schools last winter as it was possible for me to do, and found most of them in a prosperous condition, and most of the pupils whom I had met the year before greatly improved. There appears in most parts of our county to be a great thirst among large and small pupils to acquire an education, but I regret that our schools in this county cannot be continued longer than three months in the year. The time is too short, if it could be helped, but our people could bear no more taxation, if the law permitted it.

TEACHERS AND GRADES OF THEIR CERTIFICATES.

Isaac F. Gollentine.....	5	Nathan Coberley.....	4
R. J. Simpson.....	1	Wm. D. Jemason.....	1
Forbourne Scott.....	2	Miss S. A. Pew.....	1
Miss Ellen P. Shock	1	Miss Ann H. Stump.....	2
Harvey Cofer.....	1	John J. Kidd.....	1
W. S. Stump.....	2	Ellis E. Frike.....	3
Miss R. E. Hays.....	2	Sylvester E. Criss.....	3
Elliott Chinowoth.....	2	Miss M. Campbell.....	2
Jasper Norman.....	3	James C. Bush.....	1
Taylor C. Gillespie.....	3	Miss R. M. Conner.....	4
Wm. M. Bennett.....	3	William F. Hall.....	2
Perry M. Mick.....	1	George L. Ruddell	1
A. N. Dodson.....	2	Carr B. Bush.....	2
Henry Neff.....	1	Asa B. Harris.....	2
M. J. Boggs.....	3	Miss M. B. Johnson.....	2
D. S. Coberley.....	3	David Skidmore.....	2
S. S. Stonestreet.....	3	William B. Reed.....	3
N. B. Brake.....	2	Samuel Ayres.....	2
A. J. Rymer.....	2	J. C. Kirkpatrick.....	3
H. A. Wright.....	1	Charles H. Connolly.....	3
Oliver C. McQuoin.....	3	William Janes.....	2
W. W. Burke.....	3	Lemuel S. Vannoy	4
Ferdinand F. Bush.....	3	Miss D. Huffman.....	1
Samuel F. McClung.....	1	William L. Hays.....	1
R. R. Marshall.....	1	George McClung.....	1
Otha W. Ruckman.....	2	Columbus Hall.....	2
Miss Verna E. Webb.....	1	John A. Dunlap.....	1

GRANT COUNTY—EDWARD F. VOSSLER, *Sup't.*

Our enumeration since 1866 has been about the same; a proof that our population is stationary. Cost: A fraction over two cents per youth enumerated.

The average number of months taught does not reach the number prescribed by law (4), because, in some sub-districts, on account of the scarcity of teachers, schools were commenced too late, and then,

in the spring, had to be dropped, for want of pupils, at the expiration of three months.

The attendance was $61\frac{1}{3}$ per cent., and the average attendance forty-three and one-fifth per cent. of the enumeration. On an average, therefore, more than one-half of our children stay at home during the short time we keep our schools open. At Petersburg and in Milroy district the attendance is less, and in Grant and Union more than the average of the county.

Two colored schools, with an average attendance somewhat larger than that of the whites, were kept up in Grant and Milroy districts, in the latter only for three months.

Visits to schools—I visited all schools I found in operation, at least once, many twice. Generally teachers and pupils were found doing well and improving.

You will see by the financial statement that our levies are considerably reduced. The cost of education was, in the independent districts, with a six months' school, \$12.70, and in the districts with less than four months \$5.75 per pupil.

At the late election the levy was carried by large majorities in every district of this county. As an evidence of the estimation of the free school system by the people, this is certainly very gratifying to every lover of popular education. It is particularly so to me, under whose control the schools of Grant county have been so long. In looking back to the time when I first took charge (1866) I rejoice at the extent of the good work accomplished; but a glance at the future shows how very much remains to be done, ere there might be the slightest cause for exultation.

TEACHERS AND GRADES OF THEIR CERTIFICATES.

Wm. T. Allen	5	Jacob C. Judy.....	4
John S. Bond.....	3	S. S. Landis	4
William Buen.....	2	George T. Lee.....	2
B. F. Cassidy.....	1	William Lentz.....	3
Lorenzo D. Clifford (col-red).....	3	Miss Mary C. Lyon.....	3
Theodore Clifford	5	Charles W. McBee.....	4
Miss Mary R. Cunningham.....	4	Samuel B. McNemar.....	3
George W. Dolly.....	2	Ernest Nardell.....	4
Miss Annie Dougherty	3	A. M. Ours.....	3
Thomas W. Scott Foley.....	3	Cornelius Parsons.....	1
Benjaminin Funk.....	1	John Roudebush.....	2
Boyd H. Funk.....	2	Mrs. Minerva Russell.....	3
Miss Emma L. Funk.....	3	Josiah T. Shillingburg.....	5
Miss Ruhanua V. George.....	4	Jacob M. Siever.....	4
Miss Bessie S. Harman.....	3	James S. Snodgrass.....	3
Edward F. Hawk.....	5	John Strother.....	3
W. P. Hollen.....	3	William F. Tucker.....	2
James Luther Holt.....	2	Lee Webster.....	3
Felix V. Idleman.....	3	Dennis Weimer.....	3

GREENBRIER COUNTY—W. H. LEWIS, *Supt.*

It is with much reluctance that I forward a report incomplete, and in some respects inaccurate. I have used much care and diligence to perfect it, but from the reports of the Boards of Education received by me, it is impossible to make a correct report of the schools of this county statistically and financially. I hope to be able to make a full report next year. As Judge McWhorter made a full report, under this head, last year, and as I have just come into office, and consequently know but little about the condition of the schools, I shall submit my report (hoping that it will be received) as the best I can do under the circumstances.

TEACHERS AND GRADES OF THEIR CERTIFICATES.

Scipio G. Armintrout.....	2	George L. Lyle.....	1
James L. Correll.....	2	Robert A. Kincaid.....	2
Miss Nanny V Ransbarger.....	1	James T. Bucker.....	1
James F. Dearing.....	1	A. W. Richardson.....	1
John B. Slocum.....	1	James M. Argobrite.....	1
G. K. Nelson.....	1	S. J. Alderson.....	1
John H. Caraway.....	2	John D. D. Bagland.....	2
Sylvanus L. Smith.....	3	Miss M. M. Donally.....	2
Alex. McMiller.....	2	G. B. McKinney.....	3
N. B. McDowell.....	2	James H. Miller.....	1
Mrs. Anna E. Herron (colored).....	3	William R. McClung.....	2
Miss Rebecca Townsend.....	5	Joseph E. McClung.....	2
John J. Montgomery.....	4	Joel S. Walker.....	1
A. M. Matties.....	1	James W. Hedrick.....	4
J. W. Malcom.....	2	H. E. Beckner.....	1
James T. Bucker.....	2	E. S. McClung.....	1
L. E. McWhorter.....	1	Ed. G. Brownlee.....	1
C. P. Keys (colored).....	2	Otho. W. Buckman.....	4
O. W. Kittinger.....	2	William Deitz.....	2
J. F. Miller.....	3	Asbury K. Dysard.....	2
M. A. Jackson.....	4	William F. Deitz.....	4
Samuel Hanna.....	1	Wash. C. Walton.....	1
P. B. Harrah.....	1	William L. Correll.....	2
John Waid.....	3	Alex. W. Miller.....	1
Wm. H. Lewis.....	1	Miss Ella A. Gibson.....	2
J. W. McDowell.....	1	Miss Nanny W. Patterson.....	1
Isaac Heitrick.....	2	James A. Lyle.....	1
W. H. Burns.....	3	Miss Lizzie J. Steel.....	1
Charles E. Price.....	3	Isaac C. Osborn.....	4
Thos. H. Bransford.....	3	W. B. Lacy.....	2
George J. Thompson.....	1	Ed. B. George.....	4
Wm. H. Parrott.....	1	Jesse Call.....	2
Henry L. Watts.....	1	James W. Hedrick.....	3
Mathew C. McMillion.....	2	Miss Nora Moore.....	1
Miss Annie E. Hinkle.....	1	Fred. D. Reeves (colored).....	5
J. W. Hinkle.....	1	A. A. Fleshman.....	2
W. N. McClung.....	4	Fred. D. Parker (colored).....	2
J. O. A. Deitz.....	3	Morgan H. Piercy.....	1
Miss Lizzie M. Fleshman.....	2	Miss Eliza E. Baird.....	1
Miss Emma L. Jameson.....	3	R. M. Galle.....	2
B. M. Perkins.....	5	W. N. Moore.....	2
Mathew S. Groves.....	3	Effie Jameson.....	3
Miss Anna Anderson.....	4	Sherman N. Sevy.....	5

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY—A. M. ALVERSON, Sup't.

The teachers generally have made better reports of their schools than they have formerly done, and the school officers, with a few exceptions, have kept more accurate accounts than ever before. With the disposition that is now manifested by the people to have better schools, I think the free school system in Hampshire county will, ere long, receive new life and vigor, and will accomplish all that its most ardent friends can reasonably expect.

The present mode of examining teachers has been decidedly beneficial. It has given impetus to study, and many of our young teachers have greatly improved in the branches they profess to teach. I appointed four examinations last year. At the first there were but two or three teachers in attendance, and we thought proper to defer the examination until the next appointment; but the three succeeding appointments were not well attended, and the consequence was that the regular examinations did not supply all the schools in the county with teachers, the balance coming singly to be examined, thus protracting the examinations, so that the dollar collected from each applicant did not pay the other two members of the examining board for the time necessarily employed, and a bill of six dollars paid for printing the questions used in the examinations, and for publishing the notice.

The districts of Romney, Gore, Sherman and Capon each report an amount of building fund on hand at the end of the year, and Springfield and Bloomery show a deficiency of that fund.

The districts of Romney, Sherman, Capon, Springfield, Bloomery and Mill Creek each report an amount of teachers' fund on hand at the end of the year, and Gore a deficiency, as is shown in the general summary.

Balance on hand of building fund :

Romney.....	\$ 262 59
Gore.....	394 49
Sherman.....	30 85
Capon.....	19 44
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Making, on hand.....	\$ 707 37
Deduct deficiency.....	405 85
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	\$ 301 52
To this sum we must add amount of expenditures.....	2,928 71
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	\$3,231 23

Equal to the whole amount of receipts, as shown in the general summary of my report.

Deficiency of building fund :

Springfield.....	\$ 41 23
Bloomery.....	364 62
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	\$405 85

Balance on hand of teachers' fund :

Romney.....	\$ 33 24
Sherman.....	209 15
Capon.....	9 82
Springfield.....	331 75
Bloomery.....	18 66
Mill Creek.....	11 10
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Making, on hand.....	\$ 613 72
Deduct deficiency.....	55 49
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To this sum we must add amount of expenditures.....	\$ 9,195 15
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\$9,753 38

Equal to the whole amount of receipts, as shown in the general summary of my report.

Deficiency of teachers' fund in Gore district, \$55.49.

TEACHERS AND GRADES OF THEIR CERTIFICATES.

Charles H. Hiett.....	1 R. S. Davis.....	2
Miss Mary E. Keckley.....	2 Miss Addie Swisher.....	2
James H. Deidrics.....	3 Miss Lettie Swisher.....	2
Miss Levina Anderson.....	2 Joseph W. Alderton.....	2
Arthur B. Pugh.....	2 Miss Clara K. Clayton.....	2
Mrs. Sallie Popkins.....	2 Miss Arah E. Eaton.....	2
William J. Doman.....	4 John H. Williams (colored).....	2
Basil W. Shanholzer.....	4 W. Scott.....	2
James R. Riley.....	3 Hugh M. Logan.....	5
Miss Maggie Sheetz.....	1 Mrs. Sallie Moorhead.....	2
Miss Ellen Kane.....	1 Warner T. High.....	2
Miss Maggie Wilson.....	2 Mitchel F. Poling.....	3
Miss Laura Clayton.....	1 H. A. Pease.....	2
Miss Annie Kuykendall.....	2 Miss Sarah E. Berry.....	4
Miss Annie Wilson.....	2 Samuel W. Anderson.....	3
Levi Holt.....	3 Miss Bertie Kelsoe.....	3
C. W. Foltz.....	4 O. C. Gearhart.....	1
Oliver N. Heatwole.....	3 Mrs. Fannie Tabb.....	3
A. C. Slonaker.....	5 Isaiah Powelson.....	3
Charles E. Thompson.....	3 Miss Lenora Gooding.....	1
George H. Throop.....	1 Arthur C. Carpenter.....	5
Isaac H. Officer.....	1 Philip Shelly.....	4
J. Walker Pultz.....	1 John W. Hockman.....	2
John T. Thompson.....	1 James F. McAbey.....	3
Daniel M. Shawen.....	2 Jannie C. Clem.....	3
James W. Poland.....	3 John W. Haines.....	5
Thomas D. Pugh.....	2 James W. Richmond.....	2
Arthur M. Carter.....	3 Mrs. Mary E. Cochrane.....	2
Benjamin J. Powell.....	2 Benjamin F. Carter.....	2
James P. Nealis.....	3 James W. Hlett.....	4
Miss Annie Vandiver.....	2 Elijah Huffman.....	2
Alexander C. Cowgill.....	3 Milton Hendrickson.....	2
George A. Holt.....	3 Amos L. Pugh.....	2
Miss Sallie W. Brent.....	3 Miss E. R. Nevitt.....	1
T. G. Nevitt.....	1 Henry W. Rolls (colored).....	3
Franklin P. Loy.....	5 W. J. Alderton.....	1
John Tamkin.....	1	

HANCOCK COUNTY—H. C. SHEPHERD, *Sup't.*

The secretaries of the several districts have reported promptly. Our people have uniformly voted for more than four months school, and desire that the extra election required in such cases be dispensed with. All the schools have been visited. Teachers and scholars are making good progress. Have nothing, not previously mentioned, to recommend.

TEACHERS AND GRADES OF THEIR CERTIFICATES.

W. H. Hammond.....	1	A. G. Glenn.....	2
C. N. Collins.....	1	Ella F. Burns.....	3
Ida B. Geer.....	2	A. M. Jackson.....	3
J. M. Robison.....	2	ennie Powell.....	2
O. T. Langfitt.....	2	Lizzie Edie.....	2
C. S. CowI.....	2	J. C. Lindsay.....	3
T. O. P. Bailey.....	3	Lizzie Carroll.....	3
A. G. Lee.....	1	W. P. Fulton.....	2
A. Henderson.....	3	Sadie Wilson.....	3
W. J. Huff.....	2	Hannah W. Cummins.....	3
Hester E. Campbell.....	2	D. K. Tolton.....	3
G. A. Snowden.....	3	Mollie J. Tolton.....	4
H. Moore.....	2	W. C. Tolton.....	1
J. M. Hammond.....	2	Lizzie J. Richards.....	3
S. B. McGlumphy.....	1	J. C. Minor.....	1
A. M. Nickle.....	3	I. A. Patterson.....	4
Emma M. McGaffick.....	2	Josephine Wylie.....	3
Ida M. McGaffick.....	3	J. E. Wilkinson.....	2
D. S. Borland.....	2	B. J. Campbell.....	3
J. Tomlinson.....	3	Radic Foreman.....	3
S. C. Davis.....	2	Irene Cunningham.....	4
Anna Gardner.....	2	Irene Cassidy.....	2
Anna McKinnon.....	2	Alice E. Cassidy.....	3
Ida M. Hart.....	3	Senie F. Wylie.....	3
Ophelia G. Campbell.....	2	D. W. Wylie.....	3
Ella Patterson.....	3	O. C. Bunting.....	3
J. Whims.....	3	Ella A. Creswell.....	2
Nannie Cameron.....	2		

HARDY COUNTY—GEORGE T. WILLIAMS, *Sup't.*

Inasmuch as many of the scholars cannot be spared from their homes by their parents earlier than the first of November, the trustees usually aim to put the schools in operation about that time, so as to have them end about the first of March, when the busy work of most farmers begins. This arrangement accommodates many of the larger scholars, who can generally go to school after the 1st of November, because the weather is so rough that they cannot be very profitably employed at home. But it discommodes very many of the smaller ones, particularly those who live distant from the school houses. A great majority of the schools commenced about the middle of last November, and the attendance was about as good as usual, at the start, but the extremely cold weather, together with the

measles, whooping cough and diphtheria, all of which maladies prevailed in many parts of our county last winter, prevented the full attendance that has heretofore obtained in our schools during the months of December, January and February. At the time I visited the schools in January and February, some familiar faces were absent never to attend again, and many were absent on beds of sickness, and still more were absent from fear of catching some of the prevailing contagious diseases. I know that the grade of our teachers is improving, but the entire success of the system requires a still better grade of teachers. For with first-class teachers we might reasonably expect, I am almost constrained to say, demand a better attendance. The slack attendance provokes more complaints against the public school system than all other causes put together—the larger tax payers feeling that the benefits intended to be conferred by establishing schools all over the county, at a heavy expense, is not properly appreciated by those intended to be benefited, become dissatisfied, and use their influence at the too frequently recurring elections on the levy question, to break down a system that they pronounce to be more expensive than profitable. I think the Boards of Education of the several districts ought to have control of the trustees in the employment of teachers, so as to give to the various schools in their sub-districts, teachers of such a grade as they really need, and thereby prevent the employment of teachers of better grade to take charge of schools that have made but little progress, when they are badly needed to take charge of schools that have made more progress.

There being no place on the report for showing how much either of the funds may be in debt at the beginning or end of the school year, I thought it best to put the amount of indebtedness of Lost River building fund both at the beginning and end of the present school year in the places intended to show the balance on hand of said fund, with the minus (—) sign before the amounts thus placed, indicating that they are to be subtracted instead of added in making up the report.

TEACHERS AND GRADES OF THEIR CERTIFICATES.

George W. Cullers.....	4 John Moyers.....	3
Miss Jennie Frederick.....	3 Amos B. Jenkins.....	3
A. F. Ludwig.....	3 Washington Scott.....	3
Miss Bettie Gamble.....	3 Wm. M. Sibert.....	3
Miss Susan Goings.....	4 Louis C. Eberly.....	3
Miss Annie Fetzer.....	3 Frederick Lobb.....	3
Miss Bettie V. Tilden.....	3 Temple Allen.....	3
Mrs. Carrie Chambers.....	3 Jacob A. Dasher.....	3
Miss Kate P. Gamble.....	3 Henry W. Bolls (colored).....	4
Miss Marian Lakin.....	3 Henry Moyers.....	4
Jonathan W. Pote.....	3 Miss Jemima T. Friddle.....	4
Washington Varner.....	3 Philip H. Snarr.....	3
Wm A. Pope.....	3 Francis M. Teets.....	4
J. W. Dasher.....	3 John R. Hawes.....	3
W. S. Marshall.....	3 S. A. Simpson.....	5
Mrs. A. J. Doman.....	4 Wm. H. Champion.....	3
Jacob Markwood.....	4 L. D. Purgett.....	3
Miss Sallie Forrer.....	1 Geo. H. Snarr.....	3
Mrs. Mollie Culver.....	3 V. S. Wise.....	3
Fortescue Whittle.....	3 Miss Mary V. Shaver.....	5
Noah C. Hishman.....	3 Silas S. See.....	5
Joseph H. Hawkins.....	3 John B. Bean.....	5
Siram May.....	3 Miss M. B. Chambers.....	3
Joseph May.....	3 D. B. Haines.....	3

HARRISON COUNTY—J. R. ADAMS, *Sup't.*

I feel that I have given as correct a statement as it was possible for me to make from the reports of secretaries furnished me.

I do not wish to convey the idea that their reports were incorrect. The difficulties are these: Some boards of education allow the business of the past year to run into the business of the present year; others fail to make sufficient levy for expenses, and overdraw their building fund. Orders thus overdrawn either lay over for another year or are paid from the teachers' fund, which is contrary to law.

Some districts have money in the hands of the sheriff of 1872-3; this is the case with those districts that report such large amounts on hand at the beginning of the school year; it is also the case with others not reporting the fact. Orders are frequently taken up by him, and if not turned over to the sheriff before the end of the school year, the omission is calculated to embarrass the settlement between the boards of education and sheriff.

In the statistical report, I met with some difficulties, owing to the fact that registers furnished teachers do not contain the necessary blanks for making a full report; being aware of this, I aimed to get the necessary information when visiting the schools last winter, and think I have succeeded in giving you a full report.

I visited all the schools last winter, with but four exceptions, and found them, generally, in good condition. Teachers are aiming to improve themselves, and realizing, as they must, the magnitude of their work, they are becoming more efficient, and as a result, we have better teaching.

We examined during the year one hundred and thirty-one teachers: twenty-nine receiving No. 1 certificates; fifty-nine No. 2; thirty-eight No. 3; two No. 4, and three No. 5. Teachers have made quite an improvement in grading under the present system.

We had a meeting of our Teachers' Association in August last, at West Millford, which was quite a success. It was attended by a number of teachers, most of whom took a part in the work. A great interest in the success of the Association, and the cause of education generally was manifested by the citizens of West Millford and the surrounding community.

Rev C. A. Burdick opened a school last summer, at Salem, for the benefit of teachers, which is still in session. He has been liberally patronized and is doing a good work in qualifying teachers for their profession. There was also a school taught at Shinston by Mr. B. F. Martin, and one at Center Branch by Mr. J N. David, both of which were patronized by teachers and gave satisfaction.

In looking over the financial report you will observe that commission was allowed by a number of the boards of education on the State Fund. I would suggest that when the Legislature remodels our school law, that it be made so plain that there can be no misunderstanding it in this or any other respect.

We have three independent school districts, and ten districts divided into one hundred sub-districts. We have three graded schools and one hundred and five common schools. We enumerated last June six thousand one hundred and fifty-two youths (white) between the ages of six and twenty-one years, and two hundred and fifty-three (colored); total, six thousand four hundred and five. There were registered in school during the year four thousand four hundred and twenty-eight (white); one hundred and twenty-one (colored). Average daily attendance two thousand eight hundred and eighty white, and seventy-seven colored. We employed during the year one hundred males and twenty-seven females to teach in our schools, at an average salary of \$40.48 per month. In addition to this we employed three teachers for colored pupils at an average salary of \$26.66 $\frac{2}{3}$.

We have one brick, four log and ninety-nine frame school houses, valued at \$60,305.00. The total value of all school property, including land, &c., is \$66,136.07.

Building Fund.—We had at the beginning of the year \$1,889.96 ; received from levy \$6,124.56 ; from other sources \$922.10 ; total \$8,936.62. Expenditures \$7,383.67, leaving a balance of \$1,552.95.

Teachers' Fund.—Balance on hand at beginning of year \$7,012.91 ; received from levy \$12,012.71 ; from State \$7,583.40 ; from Peabody Fund \$500 ; from other sources \$742.47 ; total \$27,751.49. Paid to teachers \$23,595.56, leaving a balance of \$4,155.93. The Peabody Fund, as you are aware, was applied to Clarksburg graded school, generally known as Clarksburg Academy. This school under the superintendency of Prof. Louchery, assisted by efficient teachers, is doing a good work. It was well attended during the year, and rendered general satisfaction. Its prospects for the future are truly flattering.

TEACHERS AND GRADES OF THEIR CERTIFICATES.

Thomas L. Wright.....	2	C. A. Burdick.....	1
Virginia Alexander.....	2	Mrs. M. A. Burdick.....	1
Helen Holden	2	A. J. Floyd.....	1
Sallie Holden	2	H. C. Fordyce.....	3
J. J. Long	2	J. W. Wilkinson.....	2
Mrs. H. E. Prim.....	1	D. S. Morris.....	2
Florence Dunnington.....	2	Peter Hammond.....	2
Rossie Heves	3	George W. Swiger	2
Ada Northcott.....	3	J. A. Hammond	2
Lucy M. Kayser.....	2	R. L. Towles.....	3
Birdie Coleriden.....	3	J. E. Boggess.....	1
E. L. Davis	1	Elijah Piggott.....	3
A. J. Douglass.....	2	Burton D. Rose.....	1
J. W. Young	2	Charles H. Pollock.....	2
J. W. Davission	2	Theodore F. Romine.....	2
J. C. Rexroad	2	Loretta Pepper.....	2
Page Wingrow	3	J. R. Stout.....	3
Amos Bright.....	1	R. W. Newbraugh.....	3
Olla Cast.....	2	Mrs. G. M. Powell.....	3
W. A. Northcott.....	1	J. S. Kile.....	3
O. P. Hansford.....	1	Mrs. R. F. Farmer.....	3
Della Martin.....	3	Anna Farmer	3
John Williams.....	2	Mary F. Hitaffa	1
Fannie M. Damon.....	2	Ellen R. Eib.....	2
E. S. Davission.....	1	Ellen G. Patton.....	3
H. G. Lawson	1	Lillian Furgeson	3
A. B. Northcott	3	John A. Dulin, (colored)	5
Bertha Stout	1	C. E. Hedges	3
Mattie J. Bassel	2	Melvira Sturm	1
Columbia Bassel	2	E. J. Sturm	3
M. L. Patterson	1	John S. Hustead	2
E. J. Colverden	8	Frances M. Davis	1
Thomas Patton	1	William S. Smallwood	3
C. P. Price	3	R. M. Orr	1
Marcellus Sheets	3	W. W. Galbert	1
J. J. Spencer	3	Thaddeus Robinson	2
J. M. Hagerty	2	George L. Piggott	1
L. D. Hall	1	D. D. Garrett	2
J. M. Brokard	2	J. C. Lawson	2
Hugh Romine	2	M. E. Lawson	3
F. C. Bennett	2	William A. Cristlip	2
B. F. Martin	1	Scott M. Sturm	2
E. E. Letrick	3	F. R. Young	2
B. X. Pew	3	J. S. David	1
F. W. Martin	2	John A. Gathrop	2
G. W. Williams	2	H. A. Swiger	2
S. A. Cavalier	3	Burgat Swither	2
Howard Cather	3	James N. Sturm	2
W. R. Jewell	1	William L. Ryan	2

TEACHERS AND GRADES OF THEIR CERTIFICATES.—Continued.

Columbia A. Denham.....	2	John S. Piggott.....	2
E. M. Corpener.....	1	W. R. Williams.....	2
B. F. Stout.....	3	L. W. D. Steele.....	2
E. C. Tetric.....	2	W. B. Wilkinson.....	2
A. J. Davison.....	2	Lillian Davison.....	3
Samuel A. Elliott.....	2	Abner Vernon.....	5
George T. Jones, (colored).....	2	Erastus G. Harbert.....	2
P. M. Long.....	2	Joseph Jackson, (colored).....	5
W. S. Meredith.....	2	Mrs. Naomi Everett.....	1
J. E. Romeine.....	3	W. G. McClure.....	3
Malsian Randall.....	4	A. S. Hustead.....	1
John P. Davison.....	3	Jay F. Ogedan.....	2
John P. Varner.....	2	Kate R. Kayser.....	2
J. M. Benedim.....	2	F. G. Orr.....	3
Jessie Allen.....	4	Mrs. Mattie M. Jarvis.....	2
S. G. Wadsworth.....	3	C. A. Lawson.....	1
S. F. Lowther.....	1	Annie Reynolds.....	3

JACKSON COUNTY—LEWIS YOUNG, *Sup't.*

Our schools have been kept in operation an average of a little over four months, and have generally worked smoothly, and while the improvement has been slight, yet it has been by no means imperceptible.

The Teachers' Institute, which was organized a little over two years ago, with less than a dozen teachers, has made rapid strides towards usefulness and efficiency. The last and best session was held at Jackson C. H., commencing August 31st, and continuing four days, during which we had a good attendance of teachers, and a larger one of respectable and influential citizens of the town and adjacent country, thereby testifying that they have an interest in education, and in any attempt to better prepare the teacher for his responsible duties. Our people are awake to the importance of our schools, and are giving encouragement to the teachers and school officers, where a few years ago they received the "cold shoulder," and in some places met with outspoken opposition. If, to-day, there are those who would like to see the school system repealed and annulled, they fear to face the popular indignation that they would meet with in openly advocating such a measure.

The usual complaint against secretaries is, for the sake of variety, omitted.

I would say, in conclusion, that there should be a special act passed requiring the retiring superintendent to make the report for the last year of his term, as it is impossible for the new superintendent to know anything about the condition of the schools, consequently he can not make any written report.

TEACHERS AND GRADES OF THEIR CERTIFICATES.

D. C. Casto.....	1	George A. Davis.....	4
R. B. Howard.....	1	M. Cox.....	2
Jennie Briscoe.....	1	F. M. Rader.....	3
E. B. Young.....	3	G. T. Cummings.....	2
T. I. C. Parsons.....	2	C. M. Cole.....	2
M. V. Bowles.....	4	R. H. Hughes.....	1
A. S. Bowles.....	4	J. W. King.....	3
J. H. Oshell.....	1	N. Duffield.....	4
L. Miller.....	1	James Silas.....	2
M. F. Steward.....	5	Lettie Lewis.....	2
W. H. Carney.....	4	George H. Duff.....	2
Melissa Fleming.....	1	Mollie Tall.....	2
C. M. Cole.....	3	Eliza Johnson.....	2
J. D. Clinton.....	3	W. A. Rankin.....	3
W. A. Rankin.....	4	J. S. Lewis.....	4
A. R. Parsons.....	2	G. T. Douglass.....	2
M. A. Carnahan.....	2	J. M. Barns.....	2
H. E. Rogers.....	3	W. McCruetur.....	3
M. E. Ayres.....	4	S. L. Parsons.....	3
J. W. King.....	4	W. Stuth.....	2
G. G. A. Waugh.....	4	W. C. Dunlap.....	3
E. Carder.....	2	D. A. Brown.....	4
A. A. Lawley.....	2	A. H. Hall.....	3
R. H. Rawling.....	4	J. P. Roach.....	3
Curtis Harris.....	4	H. P. Holbert.....	1
W. H. O'Brien.....	2	John Myres (colored).....	2
J. W. Maguire.....	1	A. A. Maddox.....	3
Win. F. Carter.....	4	Lou. Warth.....	1
L. E. Stout.....	1	J. W. Depue.....	1
Charles Coust.....	2	C. H. McLaughlin.....	2
T. O. McKennon.....	5	B. L. Duff.....	2
Sarah E. Staats.....	5	P. H. Stones.....	3
C. R. Poling.....	3	George A. Rader.....	3
W. G. Duer.....	3	D. S. Gandle.....	3
W. D. Kuffe.....	1	Lucy Summerville.....	1
J. H. G. Wasters.....	1	J. Whealdon.....	1
John S. Brannon.....	1	W. A. Carney.....	2
Mattie Rose.....	2	Levi Stephens.....	2
Maggie Knight.....	3	E. W. Brownell.....	1
Fannie Hays.....	3	Ellen M. Johnson.....	1
George A. Rader.....	5	A. J. McMillen.....	1

JEFFERSON COUNTY—A. TINSLEY, *Supt.*

There is a growing interest manifested in our public schools, which will increase from year to year as the character and scholarship of the teachers improve. There was a decided improvement in the character of our teachers during the past year, owing to a disposition shown by the several Boards of Education to pay such salaries, and keep the schools open such a length of time as would justify competent persons in devoting their time and talents to this work. I would call your special attention to the injustice done our teachers, and the injury done the school system by the Boards of Education of our county, fixing a different salary, in the several districts, for certificates of the same grade, and in some instances paying different salaries in the sub-districts. This irregularity of salary can only depreciate the schools and drive the best teachers away. Why should a No. 1 Certificate be entitled to \$50 in one district, \$40 in another, and \$35 in a

third? "The laborer is worthy of his hire," and we can only get skilled labor by paying such prices as will secure it. We do not hesitate to do this in the common affairs of life, and why act otherwise in conducting our public schools.

The Normal School at Shepherd College is doing an efficient work in preparing teachers, and has produced quite an enthusiasm on the subject of teaching, among the people of this county. Some eight or ten of the graduates of this Normal School are teaching in this and adjoining counties, and are giving entire satisfaction. This school merits, and should receive more aid and encouragement from the State. I visited over thirty of the schools, some frequently. Examined the pupils, and noted improvements, and defects in regard to instruction, &c. The school houses are in good condition, with one or two exceptions. Several have been repaired and made very comfortable. Considering all things, I think the schools of this county will compare favorably with those of the rest of the State.

TEACHERS AND GRADES OF THEIR CERTIFICATES.

Joseph Barry.....	1	Mary McCable.....	1
C. F. Castlemann.....	1	Jennie J. Foley.....	3
S. W. Lightner.....	1	John P. Hess.....	1
E. H. Reinhart.....	1	W. A. Deck.....	1
O. E. A. Triplett.....	1	John H. Trussell.....	1
M. E. Sibole.....	2	Alvernon Cross.....	1
J. H. Triplett.....	1	T. W. Letimer.....	1
J. R. Johnson.....	3	A. E. Cockerell.....	2
E. J. Williams.....	1	A. B. Davis.....	1
Amanda Kerney.....	2	George T. Schower.....	1
Nora O'Loughlin.....	1	R. H. Ryon.....	1
Lillie Langdon.....	2	Marcia E. Lovett (colored).....	3
J. D. Hayman.....	1	Rebecca McCard	4
G. H. C. Backus.....	1	W. B. Hill	5
W. D. McNulty.....	3	W. A. Thomas	2
Addie Wyman.....	4	W. W. Grimes	3
Oregon Schonkee.....	1	John H. Turley	2
Annie Ridemour.....	1	W. A. Arter	2
Ada Butler.....	1	L. L. Page	3
Thomas N. Hill.....	3	D. L. Balls	2
James A. Shirley.....	3	Fannie Balls	3
Mary E. Graves.....	2	Wawick Rhue	5

KANAWHA COUNTY—MARTIN HILL, *Supt.*

NO WRITTEN REPORT.

TEACHERS AND GRADES OF THEIR CERTIFICATES.

Ella Gibson.....	1	R. L. Putney.....	1
T. H. White.....	2	M. J. Berry.....	2
C. A. Drodgy.....	2	James D. Taylor.....	2
J. S. Lavender.....	1	R. R. Hazlewood.....	2
M. H. Eplin.....	1	L. C. Rose.....	1
S. D. McCormick.....	1	Lucy M. Clark.....	1
Julia McFarland.....	1	Ettie S. Walker.....	1
Belle Da Shiell.....	1	Lillie Lewis.....	3
B. L. Duffe.....	2	E. W. Coulson.....	1
J. C. Warner.....	2	Wm. J. Grow.....	2
J. W. Holstein.....	2	J. L. Shaver.....	2
J. C. Bray.....	2	John H. Taylor.....	1
Nannie J. Sprigle.....	2	Ellen Buffington.....	2
Maria Gillespie.....	2	Wm. R. Cummings.....	1
W. S. Murrill.....	2	R. M. Elliott.....	2
J. L. Logan.....	1	H. W. Hevy.....	1
J. W. High.....	1	R. H. Webb.....	2
T. D. Houaker.....	1	I. H. Phillips.....	1
C. J. Spencer.....	2	C. Pierson.....	1
S. L. Webb.....	1	J. A. Dunlap.....	1
T. Swinburn.....	1	J. Shirkey.....	1
V. E. Webb.....	1	J. T. Lanuu.....	2
T. A. Vickers.....	1	M. A. Tamplain.....	2
H. B. Rice.....	2	John Shepherd.....	1
J. E. Hoffman.....	2	R. R. Fielder.....	2
J. Zieglew.....	1	W. G. Braiding.....	2
Charles M. Christ.....	2	M. J. Stanley.....	2
A. G. Montague.....	2	Geo. S. Wallace.....	2
J. H. Lynch.....	2	M. T. Burditt.....	1
W. R. Jones.....	1	Jaunes H. Dillard.....	3
E. C. Fisher.....	2	S. W. Gibson.....	1
L. M. Bowles.....	2	S. A. Mc ttey.....	3
E. R. Thomas.....	2	W. R. Guinn.....	3
Wm. Tidder.....	1	Lewis Woods.....	3
H. B. Micher.....	1	Nannie Dudding.....	3
G. W. Baker.....	1	Chloe Slack.....	2
F. Rucker.....	1	J. L. Shaver.....	1
Mary Cook.....	2	S. E. Aults.....	1
C. J. Mossman.....	2	J. B. Bannister.....	1
L. A. Wallace.....	2	S. Braiding.....	1
L. D. Hill.....	1	W. G. Braiding.....	1
Chas. Hill.....	1	W. F. Copenhaver.....	1
Virginia Hill.....	2	John S. Sneeden.....	1
Wm. F. Taylor.....	1	G. V. Gibbs.....	2
C. B. Graham.....	1	M. F. James.....	2
J. R. Kelley.....	2	C. High.....	1
C. Crawford.....	2	A. Wallace.....	1
E. M. Aults.....	2	M. Rose.....	2
F. M. Brace.....	2	J. M. Chase.....	2
J. H. High.....	1	Mrs. H. Knight.....	1
C. H. Via.....	2	G. M. Huddleston.....	1
L. A. Hart.....	2	Lucy Thomas.....	1
E. R. Young.....	2	H. B. Rice.....	1
J. A. Young.....	2	J. L. Bryant.....	1
Emma Walker.....	1	R. R. Fielder.....	1
H. II. Young.....	1	S. Garrett.....	2
Jasper Young.....	2	L. Walker.....	2
T. V. Shock.....	2	A. M. Russell.....	2
G. K. Lathrop.....	1	R. Brown.....	2
J. M. Carney.....	2	S. O. Jones.....	2
J. B. McCamahan.....	2	P. B. Reynolds.....	1
J. W. Elswick.....	1	C. R. Clemens.....	1
J. S. Bowen.....	2	C. S. Boston.....	2
C. C. Hammock.....	2	F. M. Rusk.....	2
F. Grayum.....	2	Emma Allen.....	1

LEWIS COUNTY—G. W. CROOK, *Sup't.*

That section of the school law which requires the newly elected County Superintendent to make out and transmit to the State Superintendent a detailed report of that concerning which, perhaps, he knows but little, certainly needs modification.

The retiring superintendent is the only proper person to perform this duty, and the school law should be changed so as to make this duty incumbent upon him before his term of office expires. For this purpose the secretaries should be required to submit their reports on or before the first day of August of each year; the County Superintendent on the thirty first day of the same month. This, I think, would relieve the chief department of considerable embarrassment. Should this arrangement conflict with the duties of any other school officer, the whole should be made to harmonize.

The report of the Skin Creek district came to hand late Saturday evening, November 13th, it being the last.

The secretaries maintain that they cannot prepare complete reports, owing to the fact that the sheriff refuses to settle with the District Boards of Education. This question has claimed my attention since my official connection with the school system as County Superintendent, but up to the time of this writing I have not, of course, been able to acquaint myself satisfactorily with the matter, but propose, however, during the ensuing year to investigate this *vexed question*, concerning which, at the proper time and in the proper place, instructions from the State Superintendent in reference to the question will be solicited.

The books of some of the secretaries are evidently in a bad condition, financially, judging from the character of the reports sent in. I see no just reason, however, why the books of the secretaries will not balance with those of the sheriff, if each is properly kept.

From my own observation and from information derived from other authentic sources. I am happy to report, however, that notwithstanding all the embarrassments, the progress of the school system in this county is generally satisfactory. Great improvements have been made during the last two years (be it to the credit of the retiring superintendent, J. S. Hall,) both in school house architecture and the mode of furnishing the same; but I regret to state that there are many log houses yet in some districts, which will soon have to be replaced by better buildings at a considerable cost to the tax-payers, which might have been obviated by erecting suitable buildings in the start.

I would not close this report without calling your attention to the marked improvement manifest in the character and grade of the teachers of this county. Number fourth and fifth grade teachers are fast disappearing, and number thirds are becoming scarce, comparatively speaking. Select schools in various localities throughout the county, taught by some of our more experienced teachers, during the summer season, are generally well patronized by young men desiring to equip themselves for the school-room. The normal department has furnished us some very good material, while a few of our better teachers find it convenient to take a course in some one of the colleges and other institutions of learning found outside the limits of our young State. Upon the whole their efforts are very commendable. The retiring superintendent kindly furnished me with a list of names of all applicants applying for examination during the year ending August 31st, 1875, which list is hereto appended.

TEACHERS AND GRADES OF THEIR CERTIFICATES.

J. M. Brake.....	1	P. P. Flint.....	2
J. P. Alman.....	1	J. A. Strailey.....	3
C. T. Craig.....	1	J. W. Darlington.....	2
C. A. Powers.....	1	Lucie Spalding.....	3
Minta Clark.....	4	Mary Tierney.....	3
G. R. Gibson.....	4	Samuel Lorentz.....	3
W. F. Powers.....	3	J. A. Egan.....	2
G. V. Forinash.....	3	V. B. Fisher.....	2
J. D. Summers.....	1	C. H. Fisher.....	2
W. E. Talbot.....	1	J. C. O'Brien.....	1
L. H. Hall.....	1	J. S. Shepler.....	3
E. M. Bartlett.....	1	J. L. Lovell.....	5
E. Cook.....	2	M. A. Mulvey.....	4
W. M. Strader.....	4	G. A. Helmick.....	2
S. G. Yoke.....	1	N. B. Foster.....	3
A. Hammer.....	5	S. W. J. Bailey.....	1
V. Heiner.....	3	M. Sheets.....	3
C. L. Wilson.....	2	Alice Cox.....	4
Kate Cook.....	3	J. D. Simmons.....	2
H. Bennett.....	1	William Brannon.....	1
J. A. Watson.....	2	Bridget McDonald.....	5
J. B. Watson.....	2	P. N. Hayden.....	2
D. N. Armstrong.....	3	R. J. Simpson.....	1
L. S. Wetzel.....	3	Mrs. E. H. Gibson.....	1
F. Taylor.....	2	R. A. Moffit.....	3
A. C. Linger.....	3	C. C. Hersman.....	1
T. R. Houghton.....	2	G. C. Lawson.....	1
M. Lorentz.....	3	R. J. Coburn.....	1
O. A. Mosby.....	3	John Morrow.....	3
J. E. Hall.....	2	F. G. Brown.....	1
S. W. Linger.....	3	A. C. Halterman.....	2
J. S. Dean.....	1	Samuel Jarvis.....	2
J. J. Kemper.....	2	F. Gibson.....	1
J. T. Mundell.....	4	James C. Fisher.....	3
Allen Squires.....	5	W. R. Jewel.....	1
J. Q. Harrison.....	1	F. McKinley.....	2
T. B. Gillooly.....	5	Dexter Peterson.....	2
J. B. Halterman.....	4	Robert E. Lawrence.....	3
Paris Lewis.....	5	James E. Jarvis.....	3
T. H. Kemper.....	3		

LINCOLN COUNTY—J. A. KAYSER, *Supt.*

NO WRITTEN REPORT.

TEACHERS AND GRADES OF THEIR CERTIFICATES.

David Thornton.....	3 M. Bias.....	3
Marion Bias.....	3 Emory Wilkerson.....	1
J. C. Black.....	2 W. A. Corroll.....	2
Carden McCalister.....	1 J. P. Thornton.....	2
Caanan Adkins.....	2 James Roberts.....	1
Rufus Stowers.....	2 William Kane.....	2
Mrs. E. Elkins.....	3 R. V. Powell.....	3
Miss R. Thornton.....	2 John Thornton.....	2
John Pullen.....	2 J. F. M. Moseby.....	2
Rufus Stowers.....	3 James Maurice.....	3
E. B. Kayser.....	2 Quincy Clark.....	2
B. D. Mahone.....	2 John Thornton.....	2
J. W. Johnson.....	3 Samuel Holt.....	2
G. W. Smith.....	2 William Heck.....	2
John May.....	2 B. F. Oxley.....	2
G. W. Wilkerson.....	1 E. Wilkerson.....	1
R. Thornton.....	2 Mrs. O. Adkins.....	2
John Pearson.....	2 William Person.....	2
John McCornis.....	2 Miss M. Johnson.....	2

LOGAN COUNTY—J. W. STAFFORD, *Supt.*

Triadelphia district contains eight sub-districts. Schools have been taught in six of those sub-districts during the year for a period of nearly three months average with an aggregate cost of three hundred and thirty-four dollars. The financial matters of this district is in a good condition. The secretary's report shows a balance on hand of teachers fund at the end of school year, of seven hundred and thirty-two dollars and forty-eight cents. Balance on hand of building fund at the end of school year, twelve dollars and fifty-nine cents, making a total of seven hundred and forty-five dollars and seven cents unexpended.

Logan District, from which no report has been received, is composed of twelve sub-districts, has had a school in each sub-district for a short time. The board has provided comfortable houses in all the sub-districts, by levying and building, and most of the trustees are endeavoring to hire the best teachers they can procure for the present school year.

Hardee district, from which we have no report, is divided into eighteen sub-districts. Schools have been taught in all the sub-districts for a short term. This board, as well as all the others in the county, has had no settlement with the sheriff for the last five years, and its financial condition is unknown.

Magnolia district contains eight sub-districts; has five public school houses, built from levies upon the property of the district; has had four schools taught for a short term. The financial condition of this district is good. The secretary's report shows a balance on hand of teachers' fund, at the end of school year, of five hundred and eleven dollars and forty-one cents. Also a balance of two hundred and fifty-eight dollars and sixty-two cents unexpended of the building fund at the end of school year, making a total of seven hundred and sixty three dollars and ninety-one cents unexpended.

In conclusion I would say that Logan county is not without its opposers to the free school system. But this antagonistic feeling seems to be gradually wearing away, as the changes for good in society is seen and felt. Old prejudices are becoming obliterated as the system is better known and appreciated. Our free school system is not without its imperfections. Some changes are required to bring it to perfection, which I hope may soon be seen, understood, and remedied, by wise and judicial legislation. It is an evident fact, that in a community where education is cherished and encouraged the people are flourishing and prosperous. Education is onward and progressive.

TEACHERS AND GRADES OF THEIR CERTIFICATES.

Inman Goldsmith.....	3	John Covert.....	1
Richard Phillips.....	5	Ida J. McDonald.....	4
George Morgan.....	3	Tolbart Ferrell.....	2
John S. Henderson.....	1	Chas. L. McDonald.....	1
William H. Black.....	1	M. A. Browning.....	5
William H. Ball.....	2	John Gore.....	3
Joseph H. Ball.....	3	John Hodges.....	3
W. A. Lee.....	3	Anthony Baisden.....	3
Miss Minerva Baisden.....	1	Edward Hager.....	3
W. E. Ferrell.....	3	W. A. Stollings.....	1
Rebecca Vincent.....	3	Edna Lake.....	2
J. H. Deskins.....	3	John F. Fletcher.....	3
Joseph M. Marcum.....	1	Jefferson Smoot (colored).....	5
Elias Smith.....	1	Jane Gott.....	3
L. J. Williamson.....	3	J. E. H. Christian.....	2
J. W. Webb.....	3	Malchi Sraten.....	4
Quillen Baldwin.....	4	George Williams.....	2
J. A. Pinson.....	1	Eli Trent.....	3
M. Howard.....	2	Elijah Stone.....	2
J. M. Perry.....	3	George W. Pinson.....	1
C. C. Webb.....	1	David Francis.....	1
J. W. Stafford.....	1	W. S. Brown.....	4
J. H. Ramey.....	1	Nathaniel Browning.....	4
Wealey Stollings.....	1	Edward A. Bowels.....	2
Harrison Chaffin.....	3	Isaac Christian.....	1

MARION COUNTY—JOHN A. BOCK, *Sup't.*

Owing to the change at the end of my term of office, the books, papers, &c., having been removed, my report is necessarily late, and, being late, I shall make my remarks as brief as possible.

NORMAL SCHOOL.

Through the untiring efforts and zeal of the principal, J. G. Blair, this school has been sustained and liberally patronized, and is now in a more flourishing condition than at any time in the past. The darts of persecution aimed at Prof. Blair have only had a tendency to advertise the school. In June a class of thirty-one graduated with honor to themselves and to the school. Some of them have already been elected to the responsible office of County Superintendent, while the majority have charge of advanced schools. In my humble estimation the Legislature could not strike a more deadly blow at the free school system than to fail to make appropriations for the normal schools. They are as necessary to the full growth and development of free schools as sunshine and showers are to vegetation. Their progress *is* and *will* be exactly proportionate to the teaching skill and capacity of the teacher, and to a great degree he is dependent upon the normal and similar schools for those indispensable qualifications.

GRADED SCHOOLS.

The graded schools at Mannington, Farmington, Barrackville, Palatine and Fairmont have been successfully taught. The graded school at Palatine was continued ten months, and, as the Peabody Fund was not drawn, the teachers have encountered pecuniary embarrassment. Since the Peabody Fund was not received, the other graded schools were continued only four months. They should be liberally supported, as many teachers avail themselves of these as an opportunity to better their education. Let each district see that a graded school be continued therein, where the educational status demands it.

SELECT SCHOOLS.

The deficiency of a full term graded school at Farmington was supplied by a select school, taught by myself and one assistant. This school was liberally patronized by a number of teachers and others preparing themselves for teaching, and was continued four months. A select school was also taught at Worthington for a term of three months by Z. T. Davis.

PRIMARY SCHOOLS.

The condition of free schools in this county is much better financially and educationally than it was a few years ago, due, principally, to the economy of school officers, co-operation of parents, and the methods and qualifications of teachers. The people show their high appreciation of these efforts by their hearty support. When *parents* properly appreciate and rightly improve the opportunity thus afforded them for the education of their sons and daughters, the free school system cannot fail of abundant success.

TEACHERS.

We have in our county about one hundred teachers. Some are young, just beginning the work, while a large portion are veterans in the field. Although the grades, as seen in the accompanying list, appear to be *low*, I believe I can truthfully say that a better corps cannot be found in any county in the State, and it is due them that I should say, in every instance their qualifications were equal, or superior, to the certificate received. The teachers are rapidly improving themselves, but I am sorry to say that they do not avail themselves of all the means within their reach. Last July, when Profs. Marshall and Snowden held a normal institute at Mannington, I urged all with whom I could communicate to attend; yet, notwithstanding all my efforts, a very small number responded to the call. Signal good could be accomplished by these institutes, if they were properly attended. Should we be favored with another, I hope all will see that it is greatly to their interest to patronize it liberally. The requirements of the teacher are such that unless he keeps fully up to the times he becomes a "dead letter."

EXAMINATIONS.

The Board held four examinations last year, at which about one hundred and twenty-five certificates of the following grades were granted: No. 1, 9; No. $1\frac{1}{2}$, 20; No. 2, 24; No. $2\frac{1}{2}$, 24; No. 3, 26; No. $3\frac{1}{2}$, 15; No. 4, 3; No. $4\frac{1}{2}$, 1; No. 5, 2. We thought proper to give fractional grades, this being customary in a large number of counties.

COMPARISONS.

A comparison with the report of 1874 shows a material growth in a majority of the following particulars:

Chapmansville has nine sub-districts, with a good school house in each, built from the proceeds of levies upon the property of the district. It has had twelve schools during the last school year, running

nearly three months. This district voted out the levy for the present year by a small majority, and consequently, will have no schools for the present year.

	1874.	1875.	Increase.
Number of youth enumerated.....	5,712	5,817	105
" " attending school.....	4,045	4,245	200
Average daily attendance	2,675	2,742	67
Number studying Orthography	3,710	4,026	316
" " Reading	3,045	3,599	554
" " Writing.....	2,160	2,458	298
" " Arithmetic.....	1,642	1,976	334
" " Geography	738	683	dec'asc
" " Grammar	609	544	"
" " History.....	270	185	"
" " Other branches.....	441	428	"

A greater interest has never been manifested in the county than that of last year—in city, town and country, the same. The percentage of attendance, I believe, has never been greater. Every school was well attended. Our teachers were in earnest, and created an interest among the pupils. Parents, as they should, took an active part, thus giving encouragement to both teacher and pupils, without which but little can be accomplished in the school-room by the best educator. May the day hasten when parents shall more fully realize their relation to free schools.

CHANGES IN SCHOOL LAW.

The needed changes in the law are manifold, yet if all the suggested changes were actually made they would have a tendency to impair rather than benefit the schools; however, there are a few desirable changes that might very properly be made:

1. The law requiring twenty-two days for a month is, to the teacher, inconvenient, as the register furnished provides for only twenty days, making it impossible to have the date and day of the week to correspond after the first month. This lameness should be remedied at once.

2. I suggest that the law be so amended as to require the Board of Education to *appoint* the trustees of the several sub-districts.

3. The law should expressly state the hour for opening and closing school. There is great irregularity regarding this, and children are frequently detained eight hours, whereas, in my opinion, six hours are sufficient for all ordinary purposes.

4. The law requiring an election to be held each alternate year, at which the question of "power to levy" or "against power to levy" is submitted to the voters of each district, is not in keeping with article twelve, section one, of the Constitution of West Virginia.

5. Section twenty-two, requiring the County Superintendent to make his report against September 30th, is productive of great inconvenience, since, in case of the election of this officer, he has not had time to collect sufficient data upon which to base his report. This can be obviated by requiring the term of office to begin on the first of January.

6. Provision should be made to defray the expenses incurred by the Board of Examiners in publishing notices of, and questions for, the examinations.

TEACHERS AND GRADES OF THEIR CERTIFICATES.

W. V. Atha.....	4	S. R. Mercer.....	2
E. S. Amos.....	3	Verona Mapel.....	2
W. V. Atha.....	3	C. H. Meredith.....	1
U. N. Arnett.....	1	W. A. Morgan.....	1
W. V. Atha.....	3	F. H. Morgan.....	3
C. M. Arnett.....	3	U. E. Morgan.....	1
S. G. Ash.....	3	A. D. Morgan.....	1
J. T. Beall.....	2	L. E. Morgan.....	3
Hattie P. Burke.....	2	J. L. Morgan.....	3
M. C. Booth.....	3	C. H. Morris.....	1
W. J. Beall.....	1	Annie Miller.....	3
J. T. Beall.....	1	G. W. Martin.....	2
E. T. Clayton.....	2	G. N. Martin.....	3
E. S. Clayton.....	2	W. J. McAlister.....	3
B. F. Charlton.....	1	S. R. Mercer.....	2
Sallie A. Conaway.....	2	George D. Morris.....	3
E. T. Clayton.....	2	B. F. Mundell.....	2
H. M. Clayton.....	2	D. R. Martin.....	2
D. M. Davis.....	3	J. C. Nay.....	3
Z. F. Davis.....	2	Tillie Nuzum.....	3
M. S. Duncan.....	2	Irwin Nutter.....	2
Z. F. Davis.....	1	J. C. Nay.....	3
Sallie Erwin.....	2	T. A. Nuzum.....	3
James B. Fox.....	1	S. C. Parish.....	1
J. M. Fox.....	2	G. W. Palmer.....	4
J. B. Fowler.....	2	W. J. Price.....	2
J. W. Fast.....	2	W. J. Price.....	1
J. B. Fowler.....	1	W. E. Pigott.....	2
James B. Fox.....	1	S. C. Parish.....	1
J. M. Fox.....	2	J. M. Prickett.....	1
F. M. Fowler.....	1	J. C. Parish.....	1
J. M. Fox.....	1	Liss Parish.....	2
Lizzie Finn.....	2	G. W. Palmer.....	2
Susie Gapen.....	2	J. A. Robey.....	4
H. W. Harr.....	2	J. A. Robey.....	3
R. E. Harr.....	2	M. M. Ross.....	3
A. P. Harr.....	5	Marshall Riggs.....	3
L. E. Hall.....	5	M. W. Reese.....	3
Ella Harvey.....	1	Lindsey Reese.....	3
A. O. Heck.....	3	James Satterfield.....	1
Hunter Hall.....	2	J. J. Spencer.....	2
W. R. Hibbs.....	2	P. E. Shuman	3
A. G. Hunt.....	2	M. S. Snoderley.....	2
McD. Hershberger.....	2	Ylvester Shaw.....	3
Lizzie M. Howell.....	3	James Satterfield.....	1
A. P. Harr.....	4	Jon. M. Satterfield.....	1
H. W. Harr.....	1	W. A. Sturm.....	1
R. E. Harr.....	3	Flora Swearingen.....	2
L. E. Hall.....	3	Ella Short.....	3
Alice Ingman.....	2	J. J. Spencer.....	3
S. K. Jacobs.....	1	J. M. Tetrick.....	2

TEACHERS AND GRADES OF THEIR CERTIFICATES.—County.

W. E. Jolliff.....	3	H. M. Tetrick.....	3
L. M. Koon.....	2	E. E. Tetrick.....	3
Alex. Kuhn.....	2	J. M. Tetrick.....	1
O. C. Kincaid.....	3	A. R. Wilcox.....	3
Emma Leyman.....	3	L. H. Wilcox.....	3
S. J. Linn.....	2	L. H. Wilcox.....	2
C. H. Meredit.....	2	A. R. Wilcox.....	3
U. E. Morgan.....	2	E. H. Wince.....	2
C. H. Morris.....	2	A. J. Wade.....	3
J. E. Mercer.....	1	Mary E. Wade.....	2
L. E. Morgan.....	4	Olive Zumbro.....	3
D. R. Martin.....	3		

MARSHALL COUNTY—W. M. WIRT, *Supt.*

Having but recently been elected to the office of County Superintendent, I am not as familiar with the progress and the wants of the schools as I hope soon to be, and cannot, therefore, speak of either in detail.

With the exception of one sub-district in Sand Hill, all the districts have erected suitable buildings for the accommodations of all the children of the county.

Within the school year just closed Webster and Liberty districts each erected a good frame, and Union a brick school house. The building erected in the town of Benwood, in Union District, is a very fine one, containing four rooms, and cost about \$10,000.

As there is an amended school law reported by a legislative committee, I will not, at present, recommend any changes.

TEACHERS AND GRADES OF THEIR CERTIFICATES.

J. W. Kelley.....	1	H. O. Massie.....	2
A. Kempie.....	1	M. W. Bonar.....	2
L. A. Mutholland.....	1	W. B. Starkey.....	2
Eliza Taylor.....	2	F. M. Campbell.....	2
C. E. Blie.....	2	Frank Eskey.....	2
Eliza Simmons.....	2	W. W. Morgan.....	1
Lizzie A. Parkinson.....	1	C. E. Wells.....	2
Angie Yost.....	1	H. M. Riggs.....	2
C. P. Talbott.....	2	J. J. Newman.....	1
W. K. Baldwin.....	2	J. R. Moore.....	2
A. S. Maxwell.....	2	Alfred Harris.....	1
Mary Alley.....	2	W. L. Manning.....	2
Mary Hughes.....	2	G. C. Monroe.....	1
Eugenie Alley.....	2	M. J. Whittingham.....	2
W. R. Allen.....	2	C. E. Lutes.....	2
Flora A. Waddle.....	1	Emma Kerr.....	2
Jane Gorbey.....	1	Emma Newman.....	1
W. M. Fonner.....	2	M. E. Gans.....	1
M. S. Rine.....	2	E. V. Martin.....	2
J. O. Scott.....	1	Ada Wallace.....	1
Maria C. Hoffman.....	2	N. E. Easton.....	1
N. W. Yeater.....	3	J. M. Jefferson.....	2
W. E. Weekley.....	2	P. S. Harris.....	1
L. B. Weekley.....	1	H. E. Nelson.....	2
Jacob Perkins.....	2	N. B. Eagleson.....	1
Sue Brant.....	1	J. H. Eagleson.....	2
Wiley Evans.....	2	J. L. Hanen.....	1
J. M. Poyles.....	1	J. N. Jefferson.....	1
W. S. Powell.....	1	David Bonar.....	1
T. S. Riley.....	1	T. J. Parsons.....	1
W. T. Rowles.....	3	Mary Peck.....	1
W. P. Lehman.....	3	Maggie McGaw.....	1

MASON COUNTY—D. P. GUTHRIE, *Sup't.*

The financial statement will, on account of the inaccuracies of the district reports, be found somewhat faulty; while the statistical statements are incomplete, owing to the incompleteness of the daily registers, which require nothing to be reported which will serve as statistical data. As Stahl's "Monthly Forms" do not furnish these items, and as trustees all fail to make their reports, it would be better to furnish them from the teacher's daily register.

CERTIFICATES.

One hundred and fifty-eight teachers received certificates to teach within the past year. The money received from this source has paid the board for their services, and there is left a surplus of \$38.00, which will be paid to the sheriff to be disbursed among the several districts of the county, according to law.

TEACHERS' MEETINGS.

District Institutes were organized by me early in the beginning of the school year. These were nobly sustained and continued by the teachers throughout the winter term. The Mason County Teachers' Association as a permanent organization, has been productive of great good.

Something higher than the common branches should be encouraged in our more advanced schools, as a part of the permanent programme of the school.

THE GRADED SCHOOLS

Of our county are certainly well taught. Point Pleasant graded school, Prof. J. W. Kenny, principal, three assistants. Mason City, William H. Pilchard, principal, five assistants. West Columbia, W. Beynon, principal, two assistants. New Haven. W. O. Atkinson, principal, two assistants. Hartford City, W. W. Harper, principal, three assistants. The Clifton public schools are under my charge with four assistants. The most of these subordinate teachers are ladies of thorough culture, and well qualified for the work of their choice. Had we space we should make honorable mention of other worthy teachers of our county.

TEACHERS AND GRADES OF THEIR CERTIFICATES.

Mrs. M. Copple.....	3	W. H. Ryne.....	3
Mrs. M. Westall.....	2	T. W. Williams.....	1
Mrs. E. Harper.....	2	Reed Yeager.....	1
Mrs. H. Sayre.....	3	J. M. Burdette.....	2
Mrs. M. Trippett.....	1	John Davis.....	3
Mrs. E. A. Guthrie.....	1	James Sayer.....	1
Mrs. Kate Wesson.....	2	E. H. Whitehead.....	2
Miss L. Buxton.....	2	J. E. Clendennin.....	2
Miss C. Benedict.....	3	A. L. Boggess.....	3
Miss V. Behan.....	2	H. Brown.....	3
Miss J. Sargent.....	8	J. B. Yeager.....	1
Miss A. Rannells.....	4	R. R. Davies.....	3
Miss E. Moore.....	2	D. C. Fritchard.....	2
Miss J. Pugh.....	3	M. J. Campbell.....	3
Miss H. Middleswart.....	2	R. Q. Kincaide.....	2
Miss L. Horner.....	3	J. H. Lasley.....	1
Miss J. Horner.....	4	J. E. Middleswart.....	1
Miss M. M. Gray.....	1	J. H. Woodyard.....	2
Miss J. Harman.....	3	J. V. Cline.....	3
Miss E. McGufflin.....	3	P. W. Mitchell.....	2
Miss L. Taylor.....	2	V. A. Lewis.....	3
Miss A. Dennis.....	2	M. F. McFadde.....	2
Miss M. Stevenson.....	2	A. Price.....	3
Miss S. Davis.....	2	Thomas Grover.....	3
Miss S. Loonis.....	1	C. C. Knapp.....	4
Miss E. Billows.....	3	J. H. Clark.....	3
Miss E. Graham.....	3	W. H. Mitchell.....	1
Miss N. Ford.....	1	O. Birdsley.....	2
Miss L. Robinson.....	3	Henry Richard.....	3
Miss M. Palmer.....	2	J. R. Fulton.....	3
Miss N. Johnson.....	2	S. Irion.....	3
Miss V. Mitchell.....	2	Wm. J. Zircle.....	1
Miss M. Bay.....	3	Pader Barnett.....	2
Miss Fannie Logan.....	3	D. L. Sanders.....	3
Miss D. Gillispie.....	3	T. L. Dabney.....	3
Miss M. Allen.....	3	George Yeager.....	2
Miss L. Radford.....	4	Peter Rush.....	2
Miss N. Ichard.....	3	George Swentzel.....	2
Miss E. Highland.....	4	Benjamin Gibbs.....	1
Miss J. Hutchinson.....	3	Frank Lewis.....	2
Miss A. Peden.....	2	John Blackburn.....	1
Miss M. Short.....	2	Charles Ashworth.....	3
Miss E. Erwin.....	3	A. M. Dunn.....	2
Miss G. Baham.....	2	James Morris.....	3
Miss J. Hutton.....	2	J. M. Burdette.....	2
Miss Bell Hutton.....	2	C. E. Kyes.....	1
Miss M. Short.....	2	W. C. Dunlap.....	2
Miss L. Horner.....	2	D. F. Sayre.....	2
Miss J. Horner.....	2	George Stout.....	1
Miss F. Wesson.....	3	C. N. Harrold.....	3
Mrs. M. Copple.....	3	H. U. Fisher.....	2
Mrs. E. Harper.....	2	J. W. Fisher.....	1
Miss S. Wright.....	3	C. C. Klapp.....	2
Miss Q. McKim.....	1	George H. Stout.....	1
C. Keys.....	1	C. B. Copple.....	2
G. H. Smith.....	3	W. P. Buell.....	2
L. McFadden.....	1	A. M. Bryan.....	1
W. O. Atkinson.....	2	Charles Faidly.....	2
J. F. Moore.....	3	Charles Parker.....	4
L. Lyons.....	2	J. N. Deigh.....	3
S. S. Nye.....	2	H. F. Savre.....	1
D. F. Sayre.....	2	J. H. Reynolds.....	3
D. W. Tracy.....	2	Wm. Davis.....	2

MERCER COUNTY—A. B. PHIPPS, *Sup't.*

We think we may truthfully assert that the spirit of education is increasing in this county, although we labor under many difficulties which prevent a more rapid development of the school system, and higher grade of mental culture. Parents are generally taking greater

interest in sending their children to school, which is evidence that a desire for education is on the increase.

The teachers were generally faithful in the discharge of their duties, and merit commendation for their zeal, energy, and perseverance in imparting instruction to their pupils. You will see from my financial report teachers receive very low wages for their services in this county.

We regret to say that the want of a sufficient number of competent teachers is the greatest impediment in the way of the success of our schools. A branch of the Normal school, located at Concord, in this county, was opened last spring, to the instructions of which many of our young teachers were admitted, and we feel confident the improvement realized by them in this school will tell its happy effects in the schools of this, and the adjacent counties.

From the ability and unfaltering energy of the teachers of this branch Normal School, hopes are entertained of a great elevation of the standard of education in this section of the State; and the people, from the interest they take in this school, acknowledge themselves the beneficiaries of a wise legislation.

TEACHERS AND GRADES OF THEIR CERTIFICATES.

G. Gillaspie.....	2	G. B. Martin.....	2
L. M. Stinson.....	1	L. Marin.....	2
W. D. Coffee.....	1	G. C. Miller.....	1
J. P. Heptinstall.....	1	N. B. Lilly.....	3
J. C. Fink.....	3	A. W. Harvey.....	2
A. C. Davidson.....	2	J. M. Kelley.....	1
E. E. Reynolds.....	3	G. Davidson (colored).....	4
A. B. Phipps.....	1	Miss Ellie Wall.....	2
S. T. Reynolds.....	1	F. A. Bolin.....	1
A. W. Hauman.....	1	Miss Emma Hoge.....	2
Miss E. Hoge.....	1	Miss Melissa Robinson.....	2
D. C. Clendenen.....	3	K. E. Rose.....	2
Miss E. C. Fletcher.....	2	Miss M. A. Ellison.....	2
J. H. Brinkley.....	1	L. C. Shrewsbury.....	3
J. H. Whittleker.....	2	J. A. Shutte.....	3
Wm. T. Hobbs.....	1	J. M. Hannan.....	1
Miss Ida Cowling.....	1	Miss V. Saddler.....	2
James Peters.....	1	Miss P. Berdew.....	4
T. M. Pendleton.....	1	M. F. Ellison.....	2
R. C. Pendleton.....	2	Miss J. Ellison.....	3
M. S. Christie.....	2	J. B. Ellison.....	1
J. F. Holroyd.....	1	J. H. Dunitey.....	1
G. Summers (colored).....	3	J. Campbell.....	2
Miss Anna Hoge.....	1	W. S. Lilly.....	4
Miss C. Stinson.....	1	Wm. Hedrick.....	2
J. L. Stafford.....	2		

MINERAL COUNTY—J. H. SHARPLESS, *Sup't.*

I might make many suggestions of what might be improvement to the school system, but will content myself with a few, leaving the subject to our Legislature, which is doubtless competent enough, if willing, to make such amendments as are needed to the present law.

The greatest objection to the present law is the manner in which the elections are held. Should a hostile or negligent board fail from any cause to post the election notices according to the "red tape" regulations, the illegality of the election allows any or all to refuse payment of taxes. This has occurred in this county, and is very likely to occur again.

I respectfully suggest that a separate poll shall be opened at the regular State or county elections, conducted by the regular election officers, and that if notice be given at all it shall emanate from the same source as the other election notice. By having a separate poll it will prevent politics from entering to any very large extent into the school election.

The blanks furnished at present contain no spaces for teachers or trustees to report the number pursuing different studies, hence no reports reached me of these items. We do not use Stahl's Register, which is entirely too complicated and extended for the average teacher to keep.

I regret to see that the expenses of maintaining schools are so high. This might be prevented if the Boards of Education were more careful of their trust, and if they were composed more generally of good business men.

We have had great trouble in getting our Sheriff to settle with the Boards. In fact, it has not been done with all the Boards yet. This fact partially explains the delay in making reports.

Generally the schools have been well taught, and have mostly given satisfaction. Our teachers are improving. We had a Teachers' Institute at Keyser in July, ably conducted by Professors Blair and McMurran. I regret that the attendance was shamefully small, and it is a reproach upon the teachers of this county who could and did not attend. We also had a County Teachers' Association, which is doing a good work, but it is not attended as it should be. Just here, I will offer the suggestion, that, as it seems to be good policy to educate the teachers as well as the pupils, all teachers, when practicable, shall be required to attend a Teachers' Institute in their own county, and that they be paid for the time spent, or enough to bear expenses.

I again urge upon the Legislature the propriety of extending the school term from four to six months. It should require no argument to support the suggestion.

TEACHERS AND GRADES OF THEIR CERTIFICATES.

John R. Clifford.....	2	G. W. Dolley.....	1
Ella Sullivan.....	3	James Snodgrass.....	2
Francis P. Doonan.....	1	Frank Conlin.....	4
M. C. Hendrickson.....	2	Miss Ella C. Vanmeter.....	2
Miss E. R. Nevitt.....	1	Lewis W. Scudamore.....	1
Mrs. M. V. Scruggs	1	B. F. Berkely.....	1
Miss Elizabeth Russell.....	1	Manning H. Taylor.....	4
Miss Maggie Markwood.....	2	Robert S. Pettett.....	2
Miss Jennie B. Vandiver.....	2	J. W. Hilleary.....	3
David C. Arnold.....	2	Miss Maggie Wilson.....	2
Miss Lizzie Duncan	2	Mrs. A. C. Carter.....	5
Miss Bettie Gamble.....	2	Isaac W. Leatherman.....	3
Miss Florence H. Grayson.....	3	Peter E. Hartman.....	3
Miss Virginia A. Irvine.....	1	John E. Broome.....	2
John S. Butler.....	2	Miss Lucy T. Cunningham.....	2
D. A. Brown.....	1	Overton S. Holt.....	2
Lewis Dunn.....	4	J. F. Dixon.....	2
Miss Jennie Wilson.....	1	G. B. Junkins.....	2

MONONGALIA COUNTY—H. L. Cox, *Sup't.*

The school work of Monongalia county for the year ending August 31st, 1875, has been, I think, more successful than that of any other year since the establishment of the system.

It is true that an exception may seem to exist in the case of Clinton district, on account of the confusion into which school matters have been thrown by certain irregularities in connection with the August election, as the question has been raised in the minds of some as to whether the collection of a levy made by the new Board could be lawfully enforced. This difficulty has not interfered materially with the work of the schools for the year for which this report is made, and I am satisfied that it will not interfere seriously with the work of the next year, as I look upon its settlement as certain, even should extraordinary means be necessary.

The general work of the county, as at first stated, has been quite satisfactory. It is true that extra means have been used, such as the giving as a prize one copy of Webster's Unabridged Dictionary to that school in the county that should have the highest per cent. of attendance, based on its enumeration of youth, and also the holding of numerous educational meetings throughout the county by Mr. Wade, visiting superintendent, at which he urged upon the people strongly the claims of education, and the importance of parents educating their children while they have the opportunity. Yet, notwithstanding this, I feel that there is a growth, a permanent interest in school work, as shown in the establishment of classes in most of the branches of study required by law in many of the schools of the county, and in the solid character of the work done.

I am much pleased at the improvement made by our teachers during the past year, both in knowledge and in teaching. This augurs much for the future, for it has been truthfully said that as the teacher so the school.

In closing my long connection with the schools of the county as superintendent, I would not forget to return to the people my thanks for the generosity and uniform kindness with which they have always treated me.

TEACHERS AND GRADES OF THEIR CERTIFICATES.

M. L. Cose.....	1	M. Gorman.....	2
Lucy White.....	1	A. Prior.....	1
Lizzie White.....	1	S. Fletcher.....	1
Melissa Sanders.....	1	J. A. Tenant.....	1
C. H. Leunley.....	1	J. A. Everly.....	1
L. John.....	1	C. H. Sisler.....	2
L. P. Watson.....	1	E. L. Jones.....	1
E. P. McGinnis.....	1	A. F. Courtney.....	1
C. S. Tenant.....	1	L. Warman.....	1
H. B. Fortney.....	1	S. W. Ramsey.....	1
B. L. Keenan.....	1	J. E. Arnett.....	2
M. C. Courtney.....	1	W. Waychoff.....	1
S. R. Coil.....	1	A. A. Waters.....	1
L. Shisler.....	1	D. B. Waters.....	1
L. R. Coogle.....	1	J. F. Barnard.....	2
F. M. Haynes.....	1	L. B. Shriver.....	2
J. E. Haught.....	2	H. Freeland.....	2
M. B. Hall.....	1	E. Coleman.....	1
W. H. Rude.....	1	M. E. Wade.....	2
J. F. Ridgeway.....	1	B. S. Morgan.....	1
George Bash.....	2	T. H. Price.....	1
J. P. Brand.....	1	M. L. Shriver.....	2
E. Warman.....	1	S. J. Hall.....	2
G. W. Laishley.....	1	J. Conner.....	2
Kate Kincaid.....	1	R. Prozman.....	1
E. Cobun.....	1	W. N. Conner.....	2
H. R. Ross.....	1	L. V. Stansberry.....	2
J. C. Murphy.....	1	M. C. Ramsey.....	2
James Farrell.....	1	G. W. Johnston.....	1
J. C. Paugh.....	1	S. A. Barnard.....	1
W. Walls.....	2	J. Cunningham.....	2
Jennie Loar.....	2	A. F. Aumons.....	1
A. Woods.....	2	J. M. Anderson.....	2
L. C. Beals.....	2	D. H. Bussey.....	2
J. M. Jolliff.....	2	W. H. Lemley.....	2
L. P. Seiby.....	2	J. W. Brock.....	2
John Davis.....	1	D. Glasscock.....	2
D. Rich.....	1	M. C. Wilson.....	2
N. Camp.....	1	V. Vandervort.....	2

MONROE COUNTY—JAMES D. BECKETT, *Sup't.*

NO WRITTEN REPORT.

TEACHERS AND GRADES OF THEIR CERTIFICATES.

Lizzie Vauter.....	1	James Dunlap.....	1
J. A. Meadows.....	1	J. B. Eakin.....	1
Edgar Chambers.....	2	William H. H. Campbell.....	1
Mary A. Broyles.....	1	Newton Ellis.....	4
Andrew L. Peck.....	1	Thomas Lewis.....	2
Charles W. Boyles.....	1	B. R. Parker.....	2
R. C. Christie.....	1	C. H. Paine (colored).....	4
J. S. Broyles.....	4	John Hinton.....	3
John Osborne.....	1	John M. Shippen (colored).....	3
Thomson Houchins.....	3	C. H. Graham.....	1
John Dunlap.....	2	Jo. A. Ruthbrook.....	2
M. H. Walkup.....	1	Lewis Burdett.....	2
S. R. H. Irons.....	1	D. J. Chapman.....	1
Miss Ellen Prentice.....	1	James Beckett.....	1
John S. Rudd.....	1	Sylvanus Smith.....	2
Lewis Lerew.....	1	B. F. Humphreys.....	2
Joseph Foster.....	1	Nettie Diddle.....	2
I. C. Elmore.....	1	John Piles.....	4
H. C. Beckett.....	1	Charles T. Brown.....	1
J. H. Reaburn.....	1	G. K. Lathrop.....	1
James A. Larew.....	2	D. W. Bucker.....	1
William Narwood, Jr.....	1	Leonidas Johnson.....	2
Miss Bettie Prentice.....	1	Marion Gilchrist.....	2
A. H. Channing.....	1	Thomas Burdett.....	2
Miss Fannie Crebbs.....	2	Frank Burdett.....	3
Davis J. Mann.....	4	Andrew Parker.....	5
Martha Brown.....	2	David Pendleton.....	1
J. J. Marom.....	1	James Mitchell.....	4
Madison Rowan.....	2	J. W. Perry.....	2
Yelverton Webb.....	2	Granville Houchins.....	2
G. W. Carpenter.....	2	Thomas Wickline.....	1
R. R. Little.....	1	John Bradley (colored).....	3
James A. Mentz.....	3	Henry C. Barr.....	1
Miss C. B. Foster.....	1		

MORGAN COUNTY—GEORGE BUCK, *Sup't.*

Our schools, twenty-eight in number, were kept in operation four months, and three schools, in the Bath district, were kept in operation six months. Our schools are growing, and increasing in interest and importance. The school officers, almost without exception, have done their duty during the past year in securing the harmonious and successful working of the free school system in this county. Great complaint, however, is made of the sheriff as treasurer of the school fund, because he does not pay the teachers their salaries promptly, and does not settle with the boards of education within the time prescribed by law. This is driving some of our best teachers from the profession, and is an evil that should be remedied, if possible.

Again, provision is made for the education of all the children of the county, and about one-third of them never attend school at all, thus causing an apparent waste of one-third of the money, an evil that should be remedied, if possible.

Allen district being disappointed in getting the tax from the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company, fell in debt during the past year.

Either that Company should pay its taxes, or the law authorizing the taxes should be repealed.

Bath district has been for two or three years preparing a fund for the erection of a building in the town of Bath, suitable for a graded school. This, when completed, will be of great importance to the school interests of the county, as there will then be established in Bath a school suitable for many of the teachers themselves to attend, a part of the year.

Cacapon district has two large school houses standing in a half finished condition, awaiting the funds necessary for their completion. It is hoped, however, that they will be finished in time for use the next session.

Rock Gap, Sleepy Creek, and Timber Ridge districts, are tolerably well supplied with school houses for the present. I visited the schools twice, and some of them oftener during the last term. With very few exceptions, I found the teachers devoted to their work, and their schools well conducted. Some two or three of the schools were entrusted to indifferent teachers, for want of better ones, and did but little good. Again, the winter was more severe than usual, and, doubtless, diminished the attendance. As the applicants for certificates are more numerous now than they were a year ago, we may succeed in getting better teachers than we had then. I would suggest that the school month be made to consist of twenty days of six hours each. As the few Normal Institutes now held annually in the State, only reach and benefit a few of the best teachers, leaving the great mass of teachers unreached, and unbefited, I would suggest that the Legislature provide for holding a Teachers' Institute in each county, and compel the teachers to attend, or forfeit certain privileges granted to those who do attend. By this means all the teachers in the State would be improved, and the standard of education elevated.

The Legislature should provide for furnishing every school officer in the county with a copy of the school law. It should also make it obligatory upon the teachers to use Stahl's Register, or else dispense with it entirely. And this suggests that book keeping should be added to the course of study in our common schools.

TEACHERS AND GRADES OF THEIR CERTIFICATES.

James S. Bechtol.....	1	Norval McKinley.....	2
Charles O. Cook	1	William Peck.....	2
Miss Maggie L. Norton	2	Richard H. Stotler.....	1
Noah Potter.....	2	C. H. Bohrer.....	3
Edward R. Gero.....	3	I. N. Michael.....	2
Silas J. Hovermale.....	2	Joseph A. Mechem.....	2
Joseph D. Hovermale.....	3	Mrs. Sarah J. Davis.....	2
John Talimage.....	4	T. J. Widmeyer.....	3
Job Hill.....	4	Miss M. A. Bevans.....	3
C. E. Walling.....	1	Richard L. Fearnow.....	3
R. B. Ruck.....	1	Timothy Moriarity.....	1
George P. Harkleroad.....	1	Miss Annie Rice.....	4
Annie V. Rankin.....	1	William F. Smith.....	1
Joseph E. Widmeyer.....	3		

McDOWELL COUNTY—JOHN T. GAMBLE, *Sup't.*

Since my last report an impetus has been given the cause of education in this county, which promises fair to produce excellent results. For a considerable time the system of free schools has not been clearly understood by a large majority of the people, and many erroneous impressions have been formed; but I am happy to say that these false impressions are being rapidly dissipated, and a new era in the cause of education is about to dawn. The rapid progress of events in the development of science, arts and literature are now occupying the minds of our people, who are becoming interested in all that pertains to their educational interests.

The expenditures and receipts in Elk Horn district do not correspond, owing to the fact that no settlement was made by the board last year with the sheriff, and the present report embraces facts relating to Elk Horn district that should have been placed in last year's report. There were six schools taught in Elk Horn district during the year. Sandy River district had eight schools in operation. Big Creek, six.

The attendance, I am happy to say, has been more favorable this year than last, owing to the fact that our corps of teachers were more experienced and of better material than formerly.

After much consideration, I have arrived at the conclusion that the members of the board of education and trustees should receive a specific salary for their services. The trustees in this county fail to make reports to the secretaries, hence they are unable to make reports to the county superintendent. I think this state of things would be entirely obviated if these parties were salaried, by small compensation for services rendered.

I also fully concur with the most observant persons that our school sessions are too short. Much complaint is made on the part of many

in regard to the present term ; five months is conceded by all to be better adapted to the wants of our school system. Much objection is urged against the present school month of twenty-two days ; a month of twenty days is generally adopted in colleges and academies, and, in my opinion, would meet with favor on the part of teachers, and patrons also.

TEACHERS AND GRADES OF THEIR CERTIFICATES.

Emanuel Reed.....	4	F. H. Evans.....	2
John Deskins.....	2	J. D. Payne.....	2
John Dixon.....	4	Adam Payne.....	3
Jesse J. Gamble.....	1	Allen Steel.....	2
J. C. Freeman.....	2	Randolph Avill.....	2
George F. Bruster.....	2	J. H. Shannon.....	2
W. L. Gamble.....	1	T. R. Mitchell.....	2
H. L. Williams.....	3	G. H. B. Myers.....	1
W. P. Payere.....	2	John Collins.....	2
Thomas C. Blankenship.....	3	John Riffe.....	3
H. L. Franklin.....	2	H. P. Totten.....	3
I. W. Holbrook.....	1		

NICHOLAS COUNTY—J. HAYMOND ROBINSON, *Sup't.*

I can safely say that the free school system is rapidly gaining popular favor in this county. The vote taken at the last August election on the question of levy or no levy, clearly demonstrated this fact ; it was double that of the vote taken at the election in August, 1873, on the same question, in favor of levy.

This county is divided into six school districts, viz : Grant, Jefferson, Kentucky, Hamilton, Summersville and Wilderness.

Grant District is divided into six sub-districts, in five of which schools were taught in the past school year, averaging four months each. The number attending school, one hundred and twenty-two ; daily average attendance eighty. Houses—five frame and one log.

The District of Jefferson has seven sub-districts, in six of which schools were in operation twenty-one months within the last school year; average number of months three and a half; number attending school one hundred and seventy-five; daily average attendance one hundred and seventeen. Houses—eight, two of which are frame, and six log.

Kentucky—in this district, there are nine sub-districts, and in eight of these schools were taught in the past school year. Average number of months three and three-fourths; number attending schools one hundred and ninety-two; daily average one hundred and twenty-nine.

In Hamilton District eighteen schools were kept open within the past school year, averaging three and a half months. Number at-

tending schools three hundred and eighty-seven; average attendance two hundred and eighty-six. There are fifteen sub-districts in this district, in fourteen of which are log houses. Last winter the school house in sub-district No. 8 was burnt.

Summersville District has four sub-districts, in all of which schools were taught during the last school year, averaging four months each.

The number attending school one hundred and forty-eight; daily average one hundred and nine. In this district are three frame houses and one log house. Average number months taught, four.

Wilderness District is divided into eight sub-districts, in each of which, there is a log school house. Eight schools were taught in the past school year. Number of months taught thirty; average number three and three-fourths. Two hundred and sixty-nine attended school. Daily average attendance one hundred and seventy-four.

SUMMARY.

In this county are forty-nine sub-districts, in which forty-nine schools were taught in the school year ending August 31, 1875, averaging three and eight-tenths months each. Number of pupils attending schools one thousand two hundred and ninety-three; daily average attendance eight hundred and ninety-six.

The number engaged in each branch of study is not fully reported in any of the districts of the county, except Hamilton and Kentucky, and not any report on this subject from Jefferson. I have conferred with the secretaries of Grant, Jefferson, Summersville and Wilderness, and have visited the office of some of these, and find that it is not their fault, but that the teachers have not reported these statistics to the secretaries. The teachers not having a supply of Stahl's Complete School Registers, use the monthly reports in room of them, which you are aware, have no blank for filling up the number studying each branch, and the average age.

Whole number of school houses in this county forty-eight, ten of which are frame and thirty-eight log.

Total value of all school property eleven thousand three hundred and twenty dollars. All the districts made the levy required by law.

TEACHERS AND GRADES OF THEIR CERTIFICATES.

Laura A. Cox.....	3	W. F. Callaghan'.....	2
Isaac N. Cox.....	2	Samuel P. Schindel.....	1
Kyle B. McCue	3	John L. McCutchen.....	3
J. H. Robinson.....	1	W. T. White.....	5
James W. Whitman.....	3	James E. McClung.....	4
A. D. Kessler.....	2	Bernard N. McCutchen.....	3
E. P. White.....	2	Sarah E. Carden.....	3
H. D. Rader.....	4	W. W. Jones.....	2
George Grose	1	John E. Kern.....	1
S. H. Copenhagen.....	3	N. C. Hendrick.....	1
Walter S. Henderson.....	3	David McQueen.....	2
B. C. McNutt.....	4	John L. McCoy.....	2
A. A. Hamilton.....	2	R. E. Robinson.....	3
W. Y. Callaghan.....	1	J. A. Tomlinson.....	4
L. M. Atwood.....	4	Joseph L. Smith.....	1
C. R. Hanna.....	2	Margaret A. Thornton.....	2
Vanpelt Neil.....	3	R. V. Dorsey.....	3
Jacob Young.....	3	H. C. Perkins.....	2
Thomas C. Brown.....	2	C. J. Birne.....	5
A. C. McMillion.....	1	M. M. Malcom.....	2
James M. Koontz.....	1	John M. Morton.....	4
W. A. McClung.....	3		

OHIO COUNTY—JOHN C. FARIS, *Sup't.*

In submitting this report for the last year of my predecessor, I would say, I believe the schools of our county are in as flourishing a condition as any, perhaps, in the State—with good school houses and fixtures in every sub-district, all built within the last ten years, except the two rooms for the school in Fulton—part of Washington district—these are quite comfortable, but not quite in harmony with modern school arrangements. The Commissioners of this district are laying a levy for building purposes, each year, intending to build as soon as they are prepared financially.

I have visited about one-half of the schools in the county since the first of September; find a desire for improvement manifested by both teachers and scholars. Our schools are assuming a higher standard for scholarship than they did some years ago, having higher arithmetic, algebra, philosophy, history and physiology, taught in some of them. This is encouraging, and should make the teacher try to keep up with the times. Yet I fear it will not be advantageous to the smaller scholars, as it will take so much of the teacher's time to hear the higher classes, they cannot give the time to the A B C scholars they should. If we had a thickly settled country, and a sufficient number of children in each sub-district, so we could have two teachers in each school, one for the higher, and one for the primary branches, we might bring our public schools near to perfection, but as it is, I do not know that it is much to the advantage of the schools to introduce the higher branches.

While our schools are prosperous, and improving each year, yet they do not seem to accomplish all they should. The school, with all its appliances, cannot benefit the poor class—for which it was intended, unless they avail themselves of its privileges. The rich, who pay the tax to support the public schools, will school their children without them. The poor, who pay little, or no tax, are very irregular, and careless in sending their children to school—some do not send at all. There are some young men and women in our county now who cannot read and write, yet we have had free schools for twenty-five years. I believe before our schools accomplish the end for which they were intended—the education of the masses—we must have a compulsory educational law. As those who have property, and no children, are compelled, by law, to pay tax to sustain the schools, why should not those who have children, who pay little or no tax, be compelled to send their children to school, and thus get the benefit of the free school system? One is required by law, why should not the other? Would one be more arbitrary than the other?

Our people are tired of having so many school elections. They think the commissioners might be granted power to levy a tax sufficient to have school the full term, at the regular school election. If we have school at all, we should have it the full term of seven or eight months. At the regular election the people could vote the length of the term they wished the schools to be kept open, and the Commissioners could govern themselves accordingly.

I think the law by which Leatherwood was constituted an independent school district should be repealed by the Legislature. They lay the minimum levy for school purposes and thus are enabled to draw their share of "State fund," but have no school in their district; they pay what little money they raise by tax and the State fund, to send their children to other schools in the county. The property of Leatherwood is the most valuable, I suppose, in the county, and should pay a large school tax. But as it now is, we get very little from it. I think unless they are required to have school in their own district, and thus bear their share of the burden of tax, the law should be repealed, and they thrown with the remainder of Triadelphia township. I believe every school in the county, except that of Leatherwood, is now in successful operation.

Every teacher, with one or two exceptions, perhaps, is a resident of our own State and county. A great many of the teachers are residents of the sub-district in which they teach. We are thus encouraging home talent and industry, and securing better teachers, for when the teacher is at home he feels it is his interest to advance the scholars as rapidly as possible. The teacher, parents and scholars, all

work together for the success and advancement of the school. If a stranger is the teacher, we feel that it is only a temporary school, the teacher does not feel the same interest in the scholars, and this feeling is reciprocal.

TEACHERS AND GRADES OF THEIR CERTIFICATES.

W. M. Wirt.....	1	W. C. Meek.....	1
J. E. Slator.....	1	H. H. Meek.....	2
A. L. Wirt.....	1	J. M. McCulloch.....	1
Jos. Burrows.....	1	G. A. Kyle.....	1
J. W. Hancher.....	1	N. B. Eagleson.....	1
Thos. Shannon.....	2	J. F. Forman.....	1
Wm. Curtis.....	2	W. H. C. Curtis.....	2
J. C. Maxwell.....	1	Cora Kyle.....	1
Mary Pattison.....	2	W. E. Hervey.....	1
A. J. Wallace.....	2	M. L. English.....	1
W. B. Gibson.....	1	S. P. Lazear.....	1
M. E. Whitham.....	2	Charles Kyle.....	1
A. C. Bade.....	1	Mattie Thornburg.....	2
A. L. Biggs.....	1	Amanda Maxwell.....	2
Mary Arbuthnot.....	2	W. C. Smith.....	1

PENDLETON COUNTY—WM. F. MCQUAIN, *Sup't.*

As to the general condition of schools, in their practical workings, I learn from my predecessor they are, in a great majority of sub-districts, in a prosperous condition. The grade of certificates of teachers has been increased, showing satisfactory advancement of the standard of instruction, which, as a necessary consequence, has its effect in the increased progress of scholars.

A great improvement could be made in the construction and ventilation of school houses, whereby health and comfort would be promoted. The seats are uncomfortable; a great many have no backs, and are too high for the smaller children.

In regard to the system, my observation leads me to believe that it is growing in favor with the people, and if judiciously managed and administered, will soon become entirely satisfactory. Every district in the county voted to authorize the levy required by the 40th section of the school law, by increased majorities.

I have no recommendation to make, having as yet but little knowledge of my field of labor.

TEACHERS AND GRADES OF THEIR CERTIFICATES.

Robert R. Hiner.....	4	J. R. Buck.....	2
Mary E. Mitchell.....	5	Jacob Hannon.....	4
Benj. P. Day.....	3	C. D. Hottel.....	3
Miss H. C. Jones.....	3	D. C. Shiflett.....	4
Henderson Eye.....	3	W. K. Buck.....	3
George W. Puffenbarger.....	3	Isaac N. Hanna.....	4
Mordcai Dove.....	3	Alfred E. Wilson.....	4
George A. Eye.....	3	John R. Holt.....	3
A. F. Calhoun.....	2	George W. Grady.....	3
William J. J. Wilson.....	3	Philip Nelson.....	2
John S. Bond.....	3	S. W. Mullenix.....	1
Jonathan Hiser.....	2	Josiah F. May.....	3
William Vint.....	2	Manasseh Cougar.....	2
George M. Vint.....	2	John W. Cook.....	2
Daniel A. Landes.....	3	B. C. Vance.....	3
Henry D. Hively.....	4	—. Hannon.....	5
Jas. F. Hively.....	2	John G. Dahmer.....	3
Isaac F. Dice.....	2	John F. Masters.....	2
Pleasant Kiser.....	2	Robt. L. Nelson.....	2
Ambrose Smith.....	4	Leonard Harper.....	2
John Roudabush.....	2	Sarah J. Burgoyne.....	4
Tyne McClung.....	2	B. Nelson.....	2
Sol. K. Nelson.....	2	John W. Armentrout.....	2
W. N. Murphy.....	4	John J. Dunkle.....	1
Lafayette Nelson.....	3	Isaac S. Pennybacker.....	2
Sol. Mauzy.....	3	E. A. Samuels.....	2
John Simons.....	2	Miss Heurletta Boggs.....	4
Noah H. Judy.....	2	A. J. Wilson.....	1
A. A. Hahn.....	2	B. H. Blagg.....	3
C. V. Blakemore.....	1	L. M. Pope.....	3
Sam. Armstrong.....	5	George W. Shirk.....	3
Wm. F. McQuain.....	1	Martha H. Ward.....	3
John W. Biley.....	1	William Evick.....	5
J. M. McQuain.....	3	C. N. Gribble.....	2

PLEASANTS COUNTY—C. C. DAVIS, *Sup't.*

The schools were all visited by my predecessor, A. W. Gorrell, to whom we are much indebted for his untiring efforts in behalf of free education. May he long remain in our ranks.

Not having visited the schools, I am poorly prepared to make a definite report of the actual condition of them. I may safely say, that our teachers are making rapid strides toward perfection, and I flatter myself that, although graded low, they will compare favorably with those of our neighboring counties. I will refer briefly to the condition of each district as to finances, building, months taught, etc.

Grant district is divided into five sub-districts, all, with one exception, supplied with good buildings. Total number of months taught, thirty-six; expenditures of the building fund, \$242.49; of the teachers' fund, \$1,012.

Washington district contains three sub-districts. The buildings of Nos. 2 and 3 are to be replaced by more commodious ones. Whole number of months taught, twenty-five. The expenditures of the

building fund during this year were \$209.60; of the teachers' fund, \$912.60.

Jefferson district contains five sub-districts, all well provided with houses. The number of months taught, fifteen; expenditures of the building fund, \$403.12; of the teachers' fund, \$505.

McKim district is divided into five sub-districts. The whole number of months taught, twenty; expenditures of the building fund, \$153.55; of the teachers' fund, \$556.

Lafayette district has five sub-districts; months taught, eighteen; expenditures of the building fund, \$437.76; of teachers' fund, \$488.

Union district contains six sub-districts. Whole number of months taught, twenty-four; expenditures of building fund, \$1,007.37; of teachers' fund, \$519.

The county contains six districts, and twenty-eight sub-districts. The whole number of months taught in the county, 138; the amount expended of the building fund, \$2,433.90; of the teachers' fund, \$4,190.50; average cost per pupil, including all expenses, \$6.19.

TEACHERS AND GRADES OF THEIR CERTIFICATES.

C. P. Talbott.....	3	Miss Annie Pinlaiy	2
H. S. McGregor.....	3	" Martha Wilson.....	3
Green Ruttencutter.....	2	" Rachel Rymer.....	3
William T. Lock.....	3	" Mary Loper.....	2
Henry S. Coen.....	4	" Bell Lindsey.....	3
Thomas C. Coen.....	4	" Myrtilla Luck.....	3
G. A. Corbin.....	4	" M. A. Miller.....	4
Charles T. Cox.....	5	" L. E. Moore.....	3
G. W. Woodbridge.....	2	" Fannie Arnott.....	3
Martin L. Tedd.....	5	" Phoebe Dabele.....	2
L. E. McVay.....	2	" Alice Wilson.....	3
L. A. Ellis.....	4	" Jane Maxwell.....	5
M. R. Duty.....	5	" Jennie Steere.....	2
J. E. Cross.....	2	" L. E. Simmons.....	3
Mrs. A. M. Gorrell.....	2	" Ella Knight.....	2

POCAHONTAS COUNTY—M. D. DUNLAP, *Sup't.*

You will see from this report that we have examined thirty-eight teachers. A large number of them took the first grade, and most of them made efficient teachers. All our sub-districts have had four months school this year, and some of them five, and some six months. This extension of the schools was owing to a surplus of money found to be in the treasury in some two of the districts. I think it may safely be said that our schools in this county have been better conducted, and more successful this year, than in any previous year. This is due mainly to the increased ability of our teachers.

The second school district has built two new houses this year, one log and one frame. It is a great mistake to build log school houses.

The first district has built one new house, frame. Many of our houses are badly seated for school houses.

In the fourth district there is not one house, well seated, and in the second only one.

The third district is so located that they are compelled to keep up a large number of schools in order to reach all the children, and they have but a comparatively small amount of taxable property.

We have had four schools for colored children, two in the fourth district, and one in the the third, and one in the second. These were not regular schools. Such teachers as we could get were employed by the respective Boards of Education.

There is a very decided opposition in this county to the free school system as administered at present. The system costs too much for all the time that the schools are run. Something ought to be done to remedy this evil. I would suggest that a great retrenchment might be made in the reporting system, from the State Superintendent down to the teachers, which would save, for school purposes, several thousand dollars every year, which are now paid to officers for reporting, and to printers for printing blanks, &c., and yet we might have everything reported that is really necessary, but the details of this retrenchment would be too tedious for this paper.

I believe all the school officers ought to be elected for at least four years. As it now is, just when they get to understand their business so as to act efficiently, they are turned out and others put in their places.

I believe it would be better for the school elections to be held with the State elections. There would be a much larger vote cast in that way, and it would save several hundred dollars to the State.

There have been four schools for colored children in this county, but the teachers were not examined, but employed by the different boards, and in the fourth district there was no register kept, consequently no regular report can be made of the fourth district.

TEACHERS AND GRADES OF THEIR CERTIFICATES.

Miss L. V. Whitmore.....	1	Miss C. Stulting.....	2
Miss Nettie Stulting.....	1	Miss Lizzie Vawter.....	1
N. S. Duffield.....	2	E. G. Alderman.....	3
Wm. P. Carnble.....	1	C. O. Huff.....	1
Calvin Stulting.....	2	G. W. Palser.....	2
R. C. Shader.....	3	Horace Lockridge.....	2
John S. More.....	1	J. W. Warwick.....	1
G. W. Palser.....	3	C. R. More.....	2
Wm. H. Hull.....	2	George Baxter.....	2
Brown M. Zeager.....	1	Mrs. H. E. Poage.....	2
Uriah Bird.....	1	Hamilton Gay.....	3
Miss L. Sue Beard.....	1	M. A. Dunlap.....	1
Daniel A. Peck.....	2	C. A. McNeil.....	2
J. G. Flory.....	4	Squire Brown.....	2
Miss Anna C. Clark.....	2	J. C. McClure.....	1
T. S. Gillespie.....	2	Miss R. E. More.....	2
M. G. Mathews.....	1	Miss Effie Amos.....	2
E. H. More.....	1	John Shader.....	3
Wm. Overholt.....	1	G. R. Gay.....	1

PRESTON COUNTY—J. H. FEATHER, *Sup't.*

The majority of our schools were run four months this year; and I think I am safe in saying that there was a greater interest taken in educational matters, than ever before, both upon the part of teachers and scholars.

Without multiplying words, I would just say that we are trying to educate the youths of Preston county.

Our teachers are looking up, and the patrons are looking up towards the education of their children.

TEACHERS AND GRADES OF THEIR CERTIFICATES.

J. D. Eichelberger.....	1	Taylor Friend.....	1
W. H. Shahan	1	Marshal Friend.....	1
Frank McRee.....	1	G. V. Leighton.....	1
Ast Fortney.....	1	J. S. Nedrae.....	1
John Fortney.....	1	Thomas Jenkins.....	1
J. W. Law.....	1	Disa Fr. nkhauser.....	1
W. M. Walter.....	2	Lida Showalter.....	1
D. G. Watson.....	1	F. P. Burke.....	1
T. W. Scott.....	2	B. W. Arnold.....	1
J. A. Bower.....	2	Joseph Arnold.....	2
Maggie Holland.....	2	G. W. Matheny.....	2
W. G. Crow.....	2	J. W. Rush.....	1
N. J. Fortney.....	1	F. S. Cunningham.....	1
S. P. Sipe	1	George Laub.....	1
D. M. West.....	1	Lee Cuppett.....	2
D. M. Watring.....	2	Laura McGrew.....	1
C. A. Elleason.....	2	Arch Deberry.....	2
M. O. Ogurman.....	1	Emerson McGireero.....	2
G. S. Deakins.....	1	E. H. Abraham.....	1
Sennie Atwood.....	3	J. D. West	1
Kate Potter.....	2	George Miller.....	2
M. S. Hineman.....	1	M. R. Frank.....	1
P. J. Crogan.....	1	T. J. Jacobs.....	1
J. M. Laughridge.....	3	L. W. Fike	1
A. F. Simpson.....	1	G. W. Mathews.....	2
E. P. Brand.....	2	Wm. Collier.....	1
B. R. Garlow.....	1	Enoch Burnsell.....	1
A. Rightmire.....	1	A. N. Sharps.....	1
R. F. Rightmire.....	1	D. H. Savage.....	1
Frank Bartlett.....	2	Isaac Smith.....	1
S. F. Bennett.....	2	B. H. Elsey	1
M. C. Ransey.....	1	Eli Albright.....	1
W. S. Hopkins.....	1	J. L. Cuppett.....	3
F. V. Coleman.....	1	M. L. Nine.....	3
C. M. Coumell.....	1	H. Werner.....	1
N. S. Michle.....	1	M. Jeffreys.....	2
J. F. Michle.....	1	S. J. Elsey	2
E. Kincaide	1	A. S. Sharo.....	2
J. F. Arnett.....	2	A. W. Pell.....	1
E. W. Zinn.....	1	Edel Albright.....	2
M. T. Powell.....	1	S. Garner	2
J. B. Schultz.....	2	S. M. Garner	2
L. R. McClure.....	3	M. C. Stone.....	1
J. G. McClure.....	2	H. Evans.....	2
David Kenedy.....	2	S. Stansbury.....	1
J. M. Jeffreys.....	1	D. L. Tausey	1
J. H. Halt	1	J. D. Jeffreys.....	3
A. F. McMillen.....	1	C. C. Feather.....	2
A. W. Snider.....	2	D. J. Albright.....	2
Bruce Vandervert.....	2	W. M. Warden.....	2
B. L. Reenan.....	2	W. F. Miller.....	2
Maggie Burgoine.....	2	A. I. Holt.....	2
Mary Jones.....	2	S. A. Baker.....	1
J. P. Martin.....	1		

PUTNAM COUNTY—M. S. KIRTLEY, *Sup't.*

On presenting this, my second annual report, I cannot refrain from expressing my high appreciation of the services of the school officers in their judicious management of all the school interests of the county, and especially to the secretaries of the several boards of education for their promptness at all times, in furnishing the necessary material for making out my reports.

Buffalo district reports one graded and eight primary schools, one of which was for the instruction of colored pupils; 539 youths and a daily average attendance of $41\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. of all its youths. The schools continued four and one-ninth months during the year.

Curry district reports five hundred and thirty-six youths and ten common schools. The schools continued three months, with a daily average attendance of thirty-nine per cent.

Pocatalico District—Since my last annual report the division line between Pocatalico and Union districts has been changed, cutting off three sub-districts from Pocatalico, leaving but seven, instead of ten, as reported last year. This change necessitated the transfer of \$481.35 of the teachers' fund, and \$38.15 of the building fund, to Union district, which is accounted for in the secretary's report of Union district, under the heading "from other sources;" but the blanks furnished gives no column in which the credit can be shown in favor of Pocatalico district for these amounts.

The report of the secretary of this district shows that \$8.80 has also been paid out for transferred pupils; hence the actual balance on hands of the teachers' fund of this district is \$490.15 less than the accompanying report shows. This district reports seven common schools; six hundred and four youths (including those in the three sub-districts transferred to Union, the enumeration having been previously taken.) with a daily average attendance of less than nineteen per cent. Each school of this district was taught five months.

Scott district reports five hundred and ninety-six youths; ten common schools, which were taught four months each, with a daily average attendance of thirty-five per cent. of all its youths. This district has not completed all its buildings, having two houses yet to finish. Yet the Board of Education has pursued a commendable course in erecting suitable, commodious and durable buildings, of which the people are not only justly proud, but see that they are much cheaper than the ordinary buildings heretofore erected.

Teayses Valley district reports four hundred and twenty-nine youths; seven common schools, which were taught four and two sev-

enths months each, with a daily average attendance of nearly thirty-five per cent. of all the youths of the district.

Union district reports nine common schools (including the three transferred from Pocatalico, as stated above,) which were taught four and one-ninth months each, with a daily average attendance of nearly forty-nine per cent. of its youths.

Winfield independent district reports one hundred and twenty-eight youths; two common schools, one for white and one for colored pupils. The school for whites continued six months, with a daily average attendance of fifty-three and one-half per cent. of all its white pupils.

In my visits I found the larger portion of the school houses comfortable and suitable, the teachers, with few exceptions, energetic and competent, and the pupils orderly and studious. But the most noticeable feature in a large majority of the schools was the great number of unoccupied desks. My report shows that the average daily attendance of the whole county is but little more than thirty-five per cent., while more than forty-three per cent. of our youths, the future citizens of the State, have not received a single day's instruction in the common schools. Can no plan be devised to remedy this evil?

TEACHERS AND GRADES OF THEIR CERTIFICATES.

S. B. Chilton.....	1	A. J. Loyd.....	1
F. M. Sovine.....	2	T. C. Merks.....	3
J. S. Cooley.....	2	C. M. Farrar.....	2
L. J. Aselworth.....	2	W. M. Cooper.....	2
William Hurin.....	3	J. C. Henderson.....	2
F. M. Howell.....	2	John King.....	3
Samuel Iron.....	3	J. C. Thomas.....	1
J. T. Lanham.....	3	Stanley Broding.....	2
M. F. Roberts.....	3	Will C. Coffman.....	2
T. Y. Reynolds.....	2	J. H. Kennison.....	2
A. E. Duding.....	2	H. A. Nickle.....	1
George A. Devrees.....	2	W. T. Milam.....	3
A. G. Blair.....	3	S. K. Winkler.....	2
J. W. Arnold.....	3	Chester Stratton.....	1
J. C. Brown.....	1	H. C. Tribble.....	2
L. S. Proffett.....	3	S. V. Hartley.....	1
Lycurgus Hardley.....	2	S. E. Hartley.....	2
Wm. E. Herdon.....	2	Mrs. Luella Mason.....	2
Edgar McAllister.....	2	" Ira J. Hanly.....	2
S. W. Rumbaugh.....	2	" M. L. Dudding.....	2
T. N. Givens.....	2	" Emma Kate Thompson.....	2
T. J. Mitchell.....	1	" Bettie C. Reynolds.....	2
Lewis Barnhart.....	2	" Melissa J. Cooper.....	3
J. M. Henson.....	3	" Melissa Rose.....	4
H. C. Johnson.....	3	" S. J. Jones.....	1
M. R. Harnan.....	2	" Bettie Stewart.....	2
G. W. Tucker.....	2	" Hart H. Forbes.....	2
J. H. Colter.....	3	John R. Banks (colored).....	3
Amos Colter.....	3	W. H. Browner ".....	3
N. P. Alexander.....	1	A. C. Wilson ".....	4
Charles Casto.....	2		

RALEIGH COUNTY—G. W. COOK, *Sup't.*

I am not fully acquainted with the progress the schools have made during the closing year, nor the condition of the houses, but I am sure from the number of the houses reported and their value, that some of them are not suitable for school rooms; probably seven out of the fifty-seven are such. From the statistical report you will see there were seventeen visits by the County Superintendent, but there is no record of the condition of the schools of the county. There are some school houses in which a County Superintendent has never been. The financial report is the best I could make from the secretaries' reports. They were not correct, and should have been returned, but some of them were received by the ex-County Superintendent, and delivered to me, when too late. Probably it will be better to make provisions that the out-going superintendent may make his own report. He surely will understand his proceedings better than any one else.

TEACHERS AND GRADES OF THEIR CERTIFICATES.

Addison Hanna.....	1	Virginia McGinnis.....	3
Lafayette Meador	1	Celestia Davis.....	3
Nathan Scott.....	1	John French.....	
Joseph Peters.....	1	T. J. Cotton.....	4
Tollison Sumate.....	1	J. A. Townsley.....	4
George Bailey.....	1	A. J. Williams.....	4
Martin Ellison.....	1	Martha McVey.....	4
D. F. Hale.....	1	Milton Curtis.....	4
W. C. Hollandsworth.....	2	Anna McVey.....	4
Lewis Hunter.....	2	T. J. Ross.....	4
Mary A. Ellison.....	2	R. B. McComas.....	4
T. J. Callaway.....	2	Sarah Dilly.....	4
W. R. Neely.....	2	German Clay	5
C. P. Stover.....	2	W. C. Allen.....	5
Alexander Watts.....	2	G. W. Shumate.....	5
O. S. Riffle.....	2	Caroline Hale.....	5
John McVey.....	2	J. R. Callaway.....	5
Sianna Roles.....	3	Oliver Stover.....	5
F. A. Neely.....	3	Edward Tyree.....	5
M. E. Vass.....	3	W. R. Williams.....	5
Thaddeus Scott.....	3	John Webb.....	5
W. J. Harper.....	3	E. B. Meador.....	5
J. G. Meader.....	3	H. C. Meador.....	5
T. C. Miller.....	3	Williams Wriston.....	5
W. G. Callaway.....	3	Samuel Roles.....	5

RANDOLPH COUNTY—J. W. PRICE, *Sup't.*

Having lately assumed the duties of the office of County Superintendent, I am not presumed to be familiar with all the workings of the school system in our county. The law ought to require the County Superintendent having charge of the schools for any year, to make the report for that year.

There seems to be considerable interest in the cause of education in this county, but not near enough yet. We have a very respectable corps of teachers, but the most of them are young persons without sufficient experience to insure success. I think the board of examiners are gradually raising the standard of scholarship from year to year.

The salaries of experienced teachers are not sufficient; that of young and inexperienced ones are too high.

In Mingo District the salary of holders of No. 1 certificates was forty dollars per month, and No. 2 thirty-five dollars. The trustees, by order of the board of education, contracted with some teachers to teach the smaller schools for less than the regular salary.

Our county is sparsely settled, and there are too many sub-districts. I am in favor of consolidating some of them, and running the schools for more than four months in the year. It is better for scholars to have to walk two or three miles to a good teacher, than to have to attend a small school which cannot pay the salary to secure a good teacher.

The finances of the county are in a healthy condition. There is a surplus carried over from this year in both the school and building funds. Two districts are in arrear in the building fund (Valley Bend \$92.00, and Dry Fork \$156.46). I cannot tell the exact condition of the finances, as the secretaries state that the sheriff refused to settle with the boards, claiming he had no right to do so. With the exception of Berkeley, Huttonsville and Mingo, the reports of the secretaries show all the districts to be in error in counting their commissions. I corrected these in my report from the data before me the best I could do. The whole subject of the finances of the county should be looked into. The board for that purpose have made no report for this county.

The people are willing to pay liberally for the support of the schools, but they want every cent to go to the right place. The expenses for fuel and making fires are entirely too much. The teacher and children are able to sweep the rooms and make the fires without going to any expense about it.

TEACHERS AND GRADES OF THEIR CERTIFICATES.

Mary Hart Butchen.....	1	L. H. Schoonoven.....	3
Calvin P. Darnall.....	2	J. E. Vonzilden.....	4
M. S. Hamilton.....	2	James W. Lambert.....	3
Samarie S. Channed.....	3	T. C. Curtis.....	3
Jennie Lee.....	3	Wm. L. Kee.....	1
Kate Lee.....	4	Zebe D. Harris.....	3
Robert F. Kidd.....	2	B. F. Phillips.....	5
Sanella M. Chenoweth.....	3	Joseph C. Hedrick.....	4
Mary Weymouth	3	James A. Vaughan.....	2
Arnold Wilmouth.....	1	Wm. H. Bosely.....	3
T. E. Hodges.....	1	S. B. Ward.....	2
N. S. Straden.....	1	Maud Chenoweth.....	3
D. B. Curtis.....	1	Blanche Chenoweth.....	2
John W. Zelen.....	4	Mollie A. Hill.....	3
Sylvester Wilmouth.....	1	John R. Hill.....	3
Asa Harmon.....	3	Maud H. Hamilton.....	3
F. P. Madden.....	2	John A. Gibson.....	4
James Madden.....	1	John L. Bosworth.....	5
E. H. Compton.....	3	Blaine W. Taylor.....	3
James S. Poling.....	3	Bascom Warner.....	4
Florence M. Butcher.....	1	Margaret E. Smith.....	1
Jane Wilson.....	2	A. Blaine Ward.....	2
C. S. Dunnington	3	M. L. Chenoweth.....	2
L. D. Wilmouth.....	1	C. H. Rice.....	3
A. F. Wilmouth	1		

RITCHIE COUNTY—P. W. MORRIS, *Sup't.*

The interest in the public schools has increased considerably since last year. The free school system is winning its way into the affections of the people. Still there is some prejudice against, and much carelessness about, this great benefit to the people. Many parents neglect their opportunities, and keep their children from school for trivial excuses; and the free school work, comparatively speaking, being in its infancy in this State, all things in connection with it do not move as smoothly as they should. Yet the public school is accomplishing its purpose, increasing its influence, and its success is assured. At the last two elections the vote cast in favor of the levy, not only in Ritchie county but in the State, shows the sentiments of the masses upon the subject.

Ritchie county, last year, had eighty two schools, employing eighty-eight teachers. Twenty-six hundred and sixty-three children were enrolled. The total amount paid to teachers for salaries was \$11,411.52. The average cost per pupil was, as is evident, reasonable.

The average salary paid teachers per month was about thirty-three dollars. This county has many excellent teachers, who have been, and are, doing an earnest, conscientious work. One evidence of the benefits of the public school system is the fact that nearly all the teachers employed are citizens of West Virginia. This could not be said ten, nay not five years, ago.

Two school houses have been constructed during the past year. It was the intention that they should be comfortable and attractive. At any rate they have large black-boards and wide aisles.

Our officers are becoming interested in their work. Four hundred and thirty-four visits were made by them last winter. This is a highly creditable showing. There could be no better augury of the enduring success of our schools, than the interest taken in them by our best citizens, and the willingness of many good men to bestow their labor gratis, upon them.

Col: J. M. McKinney and Mr. Wm. H. Douglass, as members of the board of examiners of this county, have done an efficient work. Both are ardent friends of free education, and no better qualified men could be found for the positions which they have filled.

It is not necessary to make many suggestions in regard to changes in the school law. Perhaps it needs rest more than it needs anything else. Yet a few wise changes might be made. The special election authorized by the law ought to be abolished. The school officers can be elected at the general election in October, every alternate year. The county superintendent, by virtue of what he sees when he visits the schools of the different teachers, should be given power to affect, to a reasonable extent, the grades of certificates given after such visits. The length of time for which a certificate is granted, should be in proportion to its grade. The school months should consist of twenty days. No number five certificates should be granted.

In conclusion, may the public schools continue to increase in prosperity, and may the time soon come when every child, of a suitable age may be found in them! May the period soon arrive when all shall be the friends of the system of free education, and its working for the State of West Virginia be one of uninterrupted prosperity.

TEACHERS AND GRADES OF THEIR CERTIFICATES.

Miss Mary Anderson.....	2	W. A. Echois.....	1
Miss Maggie Anderson.....	1	James Nichols.....	1
Miss Phoebe Sprague.....	3	R. H. Martin.....	2
Miss A. J. Keetz.....	2	William J. Lynch.....	4
Miss Mary R. G. Werninger.....	1	D. N. Meredith.....	2
Miss Delia R. Sprague.....	1	Ebenezer Miller.....	2
Miss F. E. Millard.....	1	T. W. Ireland.....	2
Miss M. M. Amos.....	3	Lewis Garrison.....	5
Miss Annie E. Bishop.....	5	Jacob Richey.....	2
Miss Addie Sinniger.....	4	M. D. Bartlett.....	3
Miss S. A. Lowther.....	3	Meiga J. Bartlett.....	4
Miss Kato Peirpoint.....	4	John Clark.....	2
Miss Ella Peirpoint.....	4	G. A. Corbin.....	3
Miss S. E. Corbin.....	3	M. L. Corbin.....	3
Miss Alice Reed.....	3	D. W. Cox.....	2
Miss Hattie C. Sinnett.....	3	D. B. Cunningham.....	4
Miss Zora Cannon.....	2	J. E. Cross.....	2
Miss Gussie S. Dye.....	3	J. T. Hall.....	5
Miss Violet McElvey.....	4	J. P. Scott.....	3
Miss E. F. Randolph.....	4	W. B. Hayden.....	2
Miss Mannie Patterson.....	2	J. M. Hall.....	4
Miss Theora Sprague.....	2	Wm. Rickey.....	3
Miss Mary S. Kercheval.....	2	G. H. Fitz Randolph.....	5
Miss Ella S. Hall.....	3	H. S. Dotts.....	2
Miss Ella Peirpoint.....	4	Miner S. Bartlett.....	5
Miss Jennie Fultz.....	4	J. R. Conn.....	3
Miss Lucy B. Kercheval.....	2	J. F. Cunningham.....	2
Miss Kate Peirpoint.....	3	T. J. Portch.....	3
Miss Hattie C. Sinnett.....	2	Lewis Garrison.....	4
Miss Sarah L. Starr.....	2	D. B. Cunningham.....	3
Miss Ziza Martin.....	3	J. C. Cather.....	2
Miss Laura V. Yates.....	3	G. H. Fitz Randolph.....	4
Miss Addie Cline.....	2	William Jones.....	2
Miss Lou Frederick.....	4	J. P. Knight.....	2
Miss Maggie Shanley.....	5	C. Letoriere.....	2
Miss Mary Gordon.....	1	T. T. McDougal.....	3
Miss Florence A. Ward.....	2	Daniel F. Haymond.....	2
Mrs. F. S. Watson.....	2	James Martin.....	3
Miss Lydia C. Road.....	2	J. M. Hall.....	3
Miss Ella Peirpoint.....	3	T. W. Ireland.....	2
Miss Sadie Lowther.....	3	Albert Thrash.....	3
Miss Mary Armstrong.....	1	A. W. Frater.....	3
Mrs. M. A. Dougherty.....	3	J. V. Dotts.....	3
Aaron DeLong.....	1	J. R. Conn.....	2
Thomas Greenback.....	2	John W. Deem.....	3
Wm. Jones.....	2	Col. J. C. Lininger.....	1
J. N. Kendall.....	1	W. P. Dublina.....	3
J. C. Cather.....	3	James M. Roberts.....	2
C. Douglass.....	2		

ROANE COUNTY—B. AYRES, *Sup't.*

NO WRITTEN REPORT.

TEACHERS AND GRADES OF THEIR CERTIFICATES.

Miss Rebecca Brown.....	3	M. F. Armstrong.....	2
Miss Fanny Bates.....	2	B. S. Young.....	3
Miss Mary B. Stone.....	2	Lewis Young.....	1
Miss Louisa Stutter.....	2	J. W. Lowman.....	3
Miss Alice McMillen.....	2	S. B. Carpenter.....	3
Miss Mary L. Butcher.....	3	J. G. Fugate.....	3
Miss Clara Wolfe.....	2	M. F. Simmons.....	3
Miss Louisa M. Stump.....	2	M. D. Shofer.....	3
Miss Florence Armstrong.....	2	J. C. Whited.....	3
Miss Virginia Flesher.....	4	W. W. Hammock.....	3
Miss Elizabeth Bates.....	3	H. C. Osborne.....	2
Miss L. S. Springstone.....	2	J. W. Ball.....	3
Miss T. J. Kelly.....	4	C. Bettis.....	3
Miss S. R. Kefler.....	4	C. Summer.....	2
Miss Virginia Riddle.....	3	M. F. Osborne.....	3
Miss Mary Leach.....	3	Ballard Goad.....	3
Miss Clara Canada.....	2	J. H. Hunt.....	3
Miss E. B. Broadus.....	2	J. E. Hunt.....	3
Miss A. C. Riley.....	3	J. C. Lowe.....	2
L. D. Starkey.....	2	Thomas Chapman.....	3
L. H. Burke.....	2	Franklin Burdett.....	4
McD. Hashberger.....	2	Wm. P. Riley.....	3
Wm. Lewellen.....	2	W. R. Shofer.....	3
J. H. Bays.....	2	J. W. Hylbert.....	3
Wm. B. Hobbs.....	2	Beniah Depue.....	2
J. A. Vandal.....	2	A. L. Curtis.....	3
A. B. Thorne.....	2	L. N. Whaley.....	1
J. C. Cleavenger	3	Isaac Ross.....	2
C. Howel.....	2	J. M. Mitchell.....	3
J. D. Cottle.....	2	W. L. D. McKamy.....	2
C. C. Cleavenger.....	2	H. B. Hughes.....	3
P. C. Vineyard.....	2	J. E. L. Conly.....	3
Samuel Farmer.....	1	M. A. C. Hopkins.....	4
John L. Arnold.....	2	J. N. Roby.....	2
F. E. Riley.....	2	Isaac McKown.....	2
J. N. Board.....	2	A. H. Young.....	4
J. C. Bartlet.....	4	Harry Cofer.....	1
M. Hammock.....	3		

SUMMERS COUNTY—C. S. ELLISON, *Sup't.*

Much time consumed to have the proper settlements effected between the boards and sheriff, in corresponding with secretaries and revising reports, make it proper in the transmission of my annual report for the year ending August, 1875, to write briefly.

Though my report is not altogether correct, yet it is much more so than that of '74.

One of the most encouraging characteristics of this report is, that our county was much better supplied with teachers than the previous year—all the schools having been taught, except two or three—the vacancies being in Pipestem District; and the cause, a want of houses.

Another feature of improvement is, a notable increase in daily attendance, the permanent success of which will probably only be at-

tained by establishing in the minds of our people, the inestimable worth of education, and the obvious and undeniable fact, that it cannot be attained with a significant sacrifice of both time and means. A deficiency will be observed in the time that the schools should have been kept in operation—the local cause of which was indebtedness, and the general cause, the difficulty in procuring teachers at the proper time.

It will be observed that the total receipts for teachers' fund is \$6,362.64, and that the aggregate in the apportionments to both whites and colored, is only \$6,228.59.

This discrepancy arises by a mistake in the distribution of funds between whites and colored, in Greenbrier District, in which more funds were paid colored teachers than their just proportion. Therefore, it does not appear at all in the given apportionments. With regard to teachers, we do not claim the proficiency of some of our more populous sister counties, yet the improvement since the inauguration of the present system of examination is quite perceptible, and upon the whole, are as good as could be expected at this state of the public school system; and of men who labor upon the farm eight months out of the year, and whose average salary is shown in the accompanying report to be less than \$30.00 per month. While two of our districts pay liberally, (Greenbrier and Forest Hill,) yet, the other three do not. Therefore, our average figure is unquestionably too low to keep pace with the upward tendency of things, to procure good teachers, and to secure that which is of no less importance than the larder or granery itself. The people, however, of Green Sulphur District, to some extent, supply this deficiency by their self-sacrificing disposition toward the teachers. It is due the Districts of Jumping Branch and Pipestem; to remark that they have awoke from their lethargy, with a determination of living according to the day, and maintain their literary and progressive relations—the evidence of which is in a handsome building levy for the present school year. With regard to subordinate school officers, while we do not mean to speak undeservingly commendable, nor too disparagingly, yet suffice to say that they will compare favorably, and perform their duties as efficiently as could be expected of men whose only remuneration is common good.

TEACHERS AND GRADES OF THEIR CERTIFICATES.

G. H. Baber	2	J. W. Alderson	3
H. B. Martin	3	T. S. Webb	1
I. D. Martin	3	J. S. Miller	1
C. H. Graham	2	Miss Ella Alderson	4
W. A. Lowe	4	J. W. Harvey	4
G. W. Lowe	3	Nancy Jones, (colored.)	3
H. B. Houchins	4	W. R. J. Williams, (colored.)	5
A. E. Cotton	1	Miss E. B. French	1
J. C. Ball	2	M. B. Bowers	3
Rob't P. Silley	2	Miss Mollie B. Miller	2
W. H. Silley	2	N. B. Akers	5
Miss Lucinda Ball	3	Isaac Hetrick	2
B. A. Alderson	4	Isaac Millburn	5
Wm. Houchins, jr.	1	M. S. Hurley	3
G. W. Ballinger	3	J. B. Garvey	3
Wm. Connack	4	J. G. Burdett	4
Manser Harvey	2	A. A. Allen	1
L. E. Campbell	3	J. H. Harvey	3
W. R. Thompson	1	M. F. Ballard	3
J. P. Lilley	3	A. M. Hutchinson	2
A. J. Foster	3	E. S. Dunn	2
W. S. Hutchinson	3	G. W. Leftwich	3
J. N. Parker	2	T. J. Cotton	5
C. M. Dunsmore	4	T. C. James, (colored.)	2
G. C. Hughes	1	Miss Sianna Roles	5
A. P. Farley	2	Miss Clara Millburn	3
J. N. Campbell	3	Thos. D. Burdett	1

TAYLOR COUNTY—PERRY GAWTHROP, *Sup't.*

The schools, on an average, were continued five and one-fourth months, with results equally if not more cheering than any previous year. Sixty teachers were employed at an aggregate salary of ten thousand five hundred and sixty-two dollars and thirty-one cents, of which two hundred and seventy-four dollars and seventy-five cents were paid to teachers of colored schools. Out of building fund there were four thousand eight hundred and thirty dollars and thirty-one cents expended for the various purposes; making a total expenditure of fifteen thousand three hundred and ninety-two dollars and sixty-two cents for school and building purposes.

The several school districts have all laid the levies sufficiently large to continue the schools the required number of months the succeeding year.

If there are any changes essential in the school law it is that of changing the time and manner of holding the election for school officers to that of the general election.

TEACHERS AND GRADES OF THEIR CERTIFICATES.

Thomas A. Nuzum.....	8	G. W. Elder.....	2
Miss Mary Warder.....	1	G. L. Herdzog.....	1
Miss L. M. Lee.....	1	W. C. Currey.....	1
Miss Lulu M. Hoff.....	1	T. W. Rightmire.....	1
Miss L. A. Davidson.....	2	W. T. Walter.....	2
Miss C. E. Bainbridge.....	2	Miss Laura Barnett.....	3
Miss A. A. Newlon.....	1	C. H. Rector.....	2
Miss May Huse.....	2	J. W. Mason.....	1
Miss A. V. Hall.....	2	James Cochran.....	2
Miss L. R. Yates.....	2	M. J. Lawler.....	3
Miss Felicia La Fallett.....	3	C. C. Ford.....	1
J. W. Newlon.....	1	T. G. Martin.....	2
J. G. Coplin.....	2	S. C. Nixon.....	2
A. C. Martin.....	2	J. W. Hunt.....	2
J. C. Cather.....	2	Perry Marteney.....	1
R. F. Rightmire.....	1	Bruce McDonald.....	2
A. Rightmire.....	1	Solomon Poe.....	1
B. F. Burdett.....	1	C. P. Yates.....	2
S. Stiles, Jr.....	1	Miss Carrie Snow.....	2
Miss Sue O'Brien.....	1	Samuel Kindred.....	3
J. G. Payne.....	2	T. V. Cleman.....	2
W. W. Payne.....	2	Prof. A. T. Cralle.....	1
O. S. McInney.....	1	J. P. Murphy.....	2
Miss E. Coleman.....	2	Miss Malissa Gapen.....	3
J. F. Ross.....	1	Franklin Mason.....	2
J. W. Shirk.....	1	Charles L. Smith.....	3
Miss Miranda Cather.....	3	J. F. Newlon.....	1
Mrs. M. J. Grove.....	2	J. B. Bailey.....	1
Miss Kate Mason.....	2	Miss Selia Lyne.....	2
Miss A. A. Coplin.....	1	Mrs. V. Wilson.....	1
Miss E. D. Harn.....	1	Ross E. Ried.....	3
Miss Jessie B. Grove.....	2	Miss T. Rogers.....	3
J. S. Leonard.....	2	Miss Ida M. Sinclair.....	3

TUCKER COUNTY—P. LEPSCOMB, *Sup't.*

Education is progressing rapidly in this county; doing away with indictments, drunkenness and crime, for sure it is that when the mind is trained morally as well as mentally, it never fails to have a good effect. During the past year there have been only five indictments found for misdemeanor, and none for higher crimes. Drunkenness is almost unknown in Tucker. We may attribute the greatest part of our success to the rapid advancement of education; yet our people are naturally moral and orderly. There is still no opposition to the school system in our county, and I close the last duty of my office with the hope that under the control of our new Superintendent our progress will be as rapid in the future as it has been in the past.

TEACHERS AND GRADES OF THEIR CERTIFICATES.

W. B. Maxwell.....	1	E. R. Janes.....	3
Sil's W. Swisher.....	1	Mary Specart.....	2
Sarah Maxwell.....	1	G. W. Shirk.....	3
Angelica Maxwell.....	2	L. E. Goff.....	3
P. N. Gribble.....	2	John W. Cumpston.....	3
J. P. Call.....	1	Elizabeth Watkiss.....	4
L. D. Anvil.....	1	A. B. Parsons.....	2
L. D. Schoonover.....	3	C. M. Conway.....	2
Fanny Mason.....	3	Thomas Wilmoth.....	2
Hattie Curico.....	3	Solomon White.....	5
Luther Capper.....	2	Nat Lambert.....	2
J. R. Phillips.....	1	Annumanda Goff.....	5

TYLER COUNTY—T. N. PARKS, *Sup't.*

Our schools were all in session four months in each district, except Union. In it there was no levy collected.

Section 44 of school law provides that "immediately upon the receipt of the certificate mentioned in the preceding section (43,) and of the notice from the County Superintendent, as hereinafter provided, showing the amount of the general school fund to which such district or independent school district is entitled, it shall be the duty of the Board of Education of such districts to determine the rates of taxation necessary for the pay of teachers, and for building fund," The Board of Education in Union district waited for said notice from the County Superintendent until it was too late to have this amount of the district levy extended to the Sheriff's books for collection. Haying reported the amount of State fund due the district as soon as the State Superintendent had reported the amount due the county, to him, the County Superintendent decided that the district was entitled to its proportionate share of the State fund, which, with a small surplus, gave money enough to continue the schools in each sub-district from two to four months.

There are in the county fifty-nine sub-districts, in which sixty-two teachers are employed. We have a good school house in each sub-district, with the exception of two that have lately been formed.

The number of home teachers has increased very much of late. We employ more teachers now who are residents of the county than ever before. And while the teachers are increasing in numbers, there is also a marked advancement in literary attainments. Several teachers have sought higher attainments in the normal schools, the State University, and some of the schools of Ohio.

Though we labored during the past year under many financial embarrassments, yet the people contributed to the support of the schools with a liberality that shows a marked appreciation of the advantages afforded by the free schools.

While there are many chances for improvement, yet we feel free to say that the schools of this county compare favorably with the free schools of the State.

TEACHERS AND GRADES OF THEIR CERTIFICATES.

D. A. McGinnis.....	2	W. H. Barber.....	1
Obed A. Thomas.....	3	Martha J. Smith.....	3
William Jones.....	2	George Wade.....	2
Joseph Ankrom.....	3	Joseph Maxwell.....	3
Inghran Fordyce.....	3	Robert Smith.....	5
Caleb Riggs.....	4	J. H. Taylor.....	4
C. B. Owens.....	3	Theodore Covolt.....	3
G. A. Riggs.....	3	G. Doak.....	5
M. K. Duty.....	5	James Eddy.....	4
W. A. Smith.....	3	W. F. McIntire.....	4
Nathan Bayne.....	3	J. N. Swallow.....	3
W. J. Lynch.....	5	Mollie Lemmon.....	2
Miss Kate Tracy.....	3	Mollie Thompson.....	2
Miss Mary Stewart.....	5	Mattie C. Hawkins.....	2
J. N. McNight.....	1	Jennie Ferguson.....	2
Mrs A. A. Twyman.....	5	H. L. Morris.....	2
A. R. Smith.....	2	J. T. Sewardt.....	2
Anna G. Smith.....	2	H. C. Keller.....	3
Christianna Bowser.....	3	M. Dopler.....	2
Cleora Bowser.....	3	Ann E. Martin.....	3
J. N. McIntire.....	4	Wilson Keller.....	5
Lydia V. Joseph.....	2	W. A. Smith.....	2
G. W. Givens.....	2	L. A. Lowther.....	3
J. K. Grimes.....	2	Mattie Dodds.....	2
Wesley Davis.....	2	Jennie Elrod.....	3
L. Davis.....	2	Sue A. Greenlee.....	3
J. W. Britton.....	2	W. R. Smith.....	2
J. C. Warner.....	1	D. F. Hisson.....	3
A. N. Fordyce.....	2	G. D. Smith.....	3
Henry Vasner.....	5	J. S. Boreman.....	3
D. C. Smith.....	2	H. T. Givens.....	3
C. G. Slemaier.....	1	W. W. Patton.....	2
P. B. Lowry.....	1	Thena V. Nesbit.....	2
W. R. Smith.....	3	J. T. Adams.....	1
Joseph Williams.....	2	A. D. Adams.....	1
Alex. Porter.....	3	L. C. Haddox.....	1
William Morris.....	2	W. H. Stout.....	1
Jacob Porter.....	3	M. T. Davis.....	1

UPSHUR COUNTY—GEO. R. LATHAM, *Sup't.*

NO WRITTEN REPORT.

TEACHERS AND GRADES OF THEIR CERTIFICATES.

J. Loomis Gould.....	1	Hamilton Crites.....	2
L. P. Brooks.....	2	M. B. Loudin.....	4
J. M. Brake.....	2	J. W. Kidd.....	3
Addie E. Clark.....	3	A. C. Linger.....	5
Mary E. Gould.....	2	D. N. Armstrong.....	4
Ada M. Burr.....	1	Myra E. Gould.....	4
J. R. Matthers.....	1	M. E. Lawson.....	5
S. D. Gould.....	4	A. J. Marpie.....	3
Maggie V. Hinkle.....	2	Lizzie Bartlet.....	4
Cora Balsley.....	1	W. S. Strader.....	2
H. K. Singer.....	3	H. K. Singer.....	3
R. F. Kidd.....	1	Jenima E. Huffman.....	5
Rhoda E. Gould.....	1	Hattie Bunten.....	1
G. D. Westfall.....	2	Ella Townsind.....	1
Tinie Bartlett.....	4	John F. Tansey.....	2
Wm. Lister.....	2	Mollie Smith.....	4
Virginia Maher.....	5	Thos. E. Hodges.....	2

TEACHERS AND GRADES OF THEIR CERTIFICATES—Continued.

J. S. Fultz.....	3	John D. Summers.....	2
R. A. Darnall.....	3	M. Jennie Totten.....	4
D. W. Reiph.....	2	Mrs. A. S. Booth.....	3
J. L. Liggit.....	5	F. P. Sexton.....	2
Celia Morgan.....	2	Bell Moore.....	5
G. W. Beer.....	2	L. E. McAvoy.....	3
Nebraska Ours.....	2	M. V. Aldaker.....	4
L. W. Loudin.....	3	M. Jennie Toftan.....	3
Emma Petty.....	2	George R. Sathan.....	1
B. Jennie Summers.....	2	Cordelia Carter.....	5
W. E. Talbot.....	4	J. A. Teter.....	4
J. S. Reger.....	1	Addie E. Clark.....	2
J. A. Hess.....	2	Q. L. Young.....	1
J. R. Grove.....	5	S. B. Moore.....	2
Rosie M. Sexton.....	4	J. L. Talbot.....	1
Theo. E. Hodges.....	2	W. D. Talbot.....	2
O. A. Mosby.....	4	A. V. Hall.....	5
H. B. Morgan.....	4	M. V. Oldaker.....	3
E. A. Hamner.....	3	Martha Teter.....	5
B. F. P. Ours.....	3	L. E. Young.....	1
J. D. Adkison.....	3	Albert Casto.....	3
V. F. Taylor.....	3	Lydia K. Gould.....	3
Lydia Morgan.....	1	Minerva Hyre.....	5
A. D. Clark.....	5	M. W. Morrison.....	3
C. S. McWhorter.....	2	M. C. Brake.....	4
Albert Casto.....	4	M. B. Loudin.....	3
W. B. Lynch.....	2	C. A. Dunnington.....	4
Jennie Dean.....	3		

WAYNE COUNTY—J. H. NAPIER, *Sup't.*

Although our success during the past year has not been specially marked, yet we are happy to note some progress, even where our schools were least successful. Our people entertain no thought of abandoning the system, but are resolved to make it more effective in the future.

I feel like expressing my congratulation on the successful working of the system, in the hope that the time is rapidly approaching when all intelligent, thoughtful parents will send their children to school, with the definite instruction that their conduct in school, their attention to study, and their general deportment must be right, not merely because the teacher requests it, but because they (the parents) insist upon it, and that they will see that their instructions will be strictly carried out. When that period arrives, what models our schools will be; may the time be hastened.

In order to secure good members for the Boards of Education I think the Legislature would do well to allow them a reasonable compensation for their services.

TEACHERS AND GRADES OF THEIR CERTIFICATES.

M. V. Chapman.....	1	A. P. Cook.....	5
C. W. Farris.....	4	H. H. Dean.....	3
James F. Keyser.....	1	D. W. Bolan.....	3
R. G. Larson.....	3	Wm. B. Garrett.....	2
Thomas Mainard.....	2	H. C. Moore.....	2
A. B. Ferguson.....	4	Erastus Morris.....	4
Sanford Smith.....	3	T. J. Holley.....	4
Belle Bease.....	1	Rebecca White.....	3
C. E. Holley.....	1	A. W. Burnett.....	2
N. K. Hanley.....	1	Mary L. Shannon.....	2
H. F. Bailey.....	3	Annie Poore.....	1
Hugh Willis.....	3	G. B. Austin.....	2
Shelby Cyrus.....	3	William C. Bramlett.....	3
F. M. Keyser.....	2	William Meade.....	4
R. L. Johnson.....	3	J. W. Harrison.....	3
Jessie Miller.....	2	N. Kite.....	4
J. B. Shepard.....	3	C. E. Coxen.....	3
Mary S. Miller.....	2	Rose Alexander.....	2
G. W. Harrison.....	5	Jennie Bell.....	2
J. E. M. Bing.....	1	Emma Wellman.....	3
Wm. H. Harrison.....	2	John S. Marcrum.....	2
J. B. Ferguson.....	1	Morgan Baker.....	1
G. H. Throope.....	1	W. H. Rife.....	4
Effie Sayer.....	4	S. A. Rife.....	4
Mary Miller.....	2	R. C. Chatterton.....	3
Wm. Burke.....	5	M. D. Jarrel.....	3
T. B. Stratton.....	3	Henry Smith.....	1
T. B. McLure.....	1	F. Counts.....	5
Nancy Hinsley.....	3	James Hobbs.....	4
Wm. H. Copley.....	2	John L. Kirk.....	3
Robert Cobourn.....	2	Maggie McKinzie.....	3
M. Rife.....	1	Henderson Davis.....	1
Mary P. Lewis.....	2	John H. Williams.....	2
America Mansfield.....	2	Sanford Smith.....	2
Wm. A. Dean.....	3	Leander Dick.....	2
G. A. Chapman.....	2	W. H. Eplin.....	3
Wm. V. Dickerson.....	3	D. C. Sullivan.....	2
Joseph McLure.....	5		

WEBSTER COUNTY—CHAS. W. BENEDUM, *Sup't.*

Our schools, though laboring under many disadvantages, are in better condition than they were during the preceding years. The teachers were of a better class, and less opposition to our school system. More schools were taught than in any prior year, but owing to sickness in some of the schools, they do not average the legal term.

TEACHERS AND GRADES OF THEIR CERTIFICATES.

J. A. Howell.....	4	Wallace Hoslister.....	2
Walter Stanard.....	1	Ida M. Garce.....	2
A. Horan.....	1	J. A. J. Miller.....	3
J. C. Sailsbury.....	1	C. M. Conrad.....	3
A. J. Sailsbury.....	1	H. M. Dodrill.....	3
J. C. H. Cogey.....	4	Thomas Myers.....	3
L. V. Brake.....	1	N. W. Clifton.....	2
Joseph Woods.....	2	Z. R. Howell.....	3
G. W. Morton.....	1	H. G. J. Burns.....	3
W. P. Morton.....	2	E. O. Ferrell.....	2
C. C. Hamrick.....	3	Randolph Wise.....	2
P. D. Horan.....	1		

WETZEL COUNTY—WM. A. NEWMAN, *Sup't.*

You will see there has been \$10,036.63 expended of the teachers' fund, and \$6,301.53 of the building fund.

I am glad to say that the citizens of this county take a deep interest in education; that our teachers, with the exception of three or four, were earnest workers, and the children under their control were studious and attentive. The progress of education has been satisfactory to all, and I hope that free education will be appreciated by all, and that no impediment will be put to its onward progress. We must educate the youths of the present generation if we wish to perpetuate and hand down unsullied to future generations the inheritance of a virtuous and free people.

TEACHERS AND GRADES OF THEIR CERTIFICATES.

James H. Watson.....	1	John Lowe.....	1
H. J. Watson.....	1	Nancy Swisher.....	2
L. G. Brock.....	1	R. G. Higganbotham.....	2
Mary Sexmith.....	1	Marion Moore.....	1
Nettie M. McEldowney.....	1	Edward Delany.....	2
O. V. Garrett.....	3	P. H. Glover.....	1
Mary Bourrous.....	1	T. B. Glover.....	1
J. E. Hart.....	1	J. S. Toothman.....	2
W. R. Hamon.....	1	Oliver Calvert.....	1
S. B. Hall.....	1	G. K. Franks.....	1
J. H. Richerson.....	1	F. M. Fowler.....	1
Garah Farmer.....	2	Jesse Morris.....	3
H. N. Wade.....	3	Levi R. Hoge.....	1
Elihu Taylor.....	4	J. H. Woodruff.....	1
Sue Hall.....	1	W. V. Altha.....	2
F. Williams.....	1	F. M. Knotts.....	1
W. C. Brown.....	1	J. O. Morris.....	2
James McKee.....	1	W. P. Furnel.....	2
James McIntire.....	1	Alex. S. Brownfield.....	2
W. O. Dolan.....	4	A. A. Jackson.....	2
J. P. Dunlap.....	1	David N. McIntire.....	2
F. D. Young.....	1	John Taylor.....	2
S. Resseger.....	1	Elihu Taylor.....	3
P. Meeker.....	1	Andrew Clark.....	1
W. W. Bowser.....	1	J. N. Crawford.....	2
J. B. Robinson.....	2	G. W. McClelland.....	1
T. Coen.....	3	D. A. Pruitt.....	1
Mary Semon.....	2	Ervin Burge.....	2
H. J. Ridinger.....	2	Julia Hurley.....	2
A. J. George.....	3	Mary Hurley.....	1
J. B. Owens.....	2	Zillah Ice.....	1
J. W. Ferrell.....	1	James Monroe.....	1
Maggie Meighen.....	2	William P. Morris.....	2
William White.....	1	Jacob Moore.....	2
D. W. Barger.....	2	C. H. Ice.....	2
M. Lalley.....	1	M. G. Maple.....	1
J. H. Miller.....	2	J. M. Ashcraft.....	2
J. O. Morris.....	3	David Tuskin.....	4
L. A. Benedict.....	1	A. G. Shriver.....	1
Jemima Robinson.....	2	J. F. Wayman.....	1
Mary Lavelle.....	1	ennie Parsons.....	1
E. Glover.....	1	I. H. Brock.....	1
John Lavelle.....	1	Mary Weston.....	2

WIRT COUNTY—D. C. CASTO, *Sup't.*

It is a great mistake that the law does not require superintendents who are retiring from the office, to make the report, instead of the newly elected ones.

The new superintendents experience many difficulties which old ones, acquainted with the office, would not.

I have taken great pains to make my report complete, yet I am conscious that it is defective in many particulars. It would be next to impossible to make my report complete and correct in every particular from the reports furnished me by the secretaries.

Some of the districts have never, up to this year, had a settlement with the sheriff, and consequently their finances were in a confused condition. I have secured a settlement between the sheriff and all the boards, and this report will show that there is some money in the teachers' fund of all the districts in the county with which to commence the next school year. The building fund is in debt in some of the districts. This comes from the fact that within the last few years we have had a great many school houses to build. The indebtedness is not great; we hope within the next year or two, that this will be entirely liquidated.

Four school houses have been built in the last year, three more are being built which will be completed in time for a winter school.

All our houses are comfortable and commodious, the greatest deficiency being in apparatus. They are nearly all destitute in this respect.

The sub-districts in the county were all supplied with a school ranging from two to six months.

The Burning Springs' High School was in successful operation, with three teachers, for six months during the year. The Elizabeth High School for five months. Both these schools open this year with flattering prospects. These schools are doing good work for the schools throughout the county. By their aid, the county will soon be supplied with resident teachers.

One of the greatest difficulties we have to contend with, is the inexperience of our teachers. While many of them possess the requisite qualifications, all of them lack experience. There has been a manifest improvement in the teachers within the last year. With the proper inducements, we would, in a short time, have a class of teachers who would reflect honor on the profession. There is a feeling among the school officers of this county which is now retarding the progress of school work here, and if not removed will ultimately

work great injury to the schools of the county. This is a feeling that teachers should teach for about the same that manual laborers get. It will drive the best teachers from the profession, and keep a class of young inexperienced teachers in the work. We believe that wages should no longer be regulated by the board of education, but should be left to the trustees.

I am gratified that there has been improvement in the schools of the county, and that the people are becoming more and more interested in the cause of common schools. The results of the recent election in an unanimous voice in favor of levy in almost all the districts, shows that if ever there was any prejudice in the minds of our people against free schools; it is now removed.

TEACHERS AND GRADES OF THEIR CERTIFICATES.

Mrs. L. J. Richmond.....	1 A. G. Stunger.....	1
D. C. Casto.....	1 W. W. Page.....	2
V. B. Archer.....	1 Emma Hull.....	2
A. B. Thorn.....	3 H. B. Mason.....	2
C. W. Lynch.....	1 L. J. Foreman.....	2
David Madin.....	1 Benton Clark	2
A. A. Vandall.....	2 R. F. Hale.....	1
G. W. Morris.....	1 H. H. Miller.....	2
Louisa Stutler.....	3 W. N. Patmon	1
Mary T. Thorn	3 C. W. Clayton.....	3
D. A. Roberts.....	1 L. J. Foreman.....	1
J. F. Wetzel.....	3 T. E. Graham.....	1
C. E. Vandevend.....	2 W. H. Sharpnack.....	2
D. A. Quick.....	1 W. M. Cox.....	8
J. F. Quick.....	2 R. G. Hall.....	1
J. R. Peil.....	1 J. N. Boice.....	4
J. W. Pell.....	2 W. H. Sharpnack.....	1
A. D. Gates.....	3 W. M. Cox.....	1
Isaac Selby.....	1 B. B. Evans.....	5
J. W. Hilbert.....	4 A. C. Hatley.....	1
Clara Starkay.....	2 Malissa Selby.....	1
Oscar Wells.....	1 A. B. Davis.....	1
Benton Clark.....	3 A. J. Bartlett.....	2
H. B. Mason.....	3 Dora Rogers.....	1
C. A. Meyer.....	2 Emma Selby.....	2
J. F. Wetzel	1	

WOOD COUNTY—SAMUEL T. STAPLETON, *Sup't.*

Since my last report I have seen more of the schools of the county, and, while I am not enabled to make so full a report at this time as I had hoped to do, yet I think you will find this one more full than my last. You will see, however that I am only able to approximate the ages; this is owing to the fact that the ages were not all reported to me, and it seems quite difficult, indeed, to secure a complete report, as many of the officers, whose duty it is to make reports, seem quite careless as to this matter, while they are fully alive to the importance of the education of the youth in their respective districts.

There has been a decided improvement in the condition of our schools during the past year. Every school in the county was in operation, and, with but few exceptions, good satisfaction has been the result. Most of the teachers have given such good evidences of fidelity that their services are sought for, in the same localities, for the coming year.

It has been the purpose of the Board of Examiners of this county to give certificates only to the worthy, yet, as you are aware, it is next to impossible to always detect the good from the bad, and however that may be, I feel sure we have a good corps of teachers, and earnest workers in the cause in which they are engaged.

We have endeavored to hold institutes, in accordance with the law, as recommended, but owing to the want of means our efforts in that direction have been so crippled and retarded that we do not feel that we could venture to hold one this year. I feel that if we do not we will be greatly the losers; for we have had such good success in the past, that I feel we will be going backward if we now stop what seems to me to be one of the essentials of success in educating the youth of our State. And I do not say this with a view to show that interest is not taken in this matter by the teachers of the county, but because they feel that it is too great a tax on their meagre salaries to contribute all that is required to carry on this work. I will venture one suggestion as to the remedy. As there is no fund provided by law for this very important branch of education I think it would be well if our law-makers would provide, that the fees for examination, after paying the Board of Examiners, be applied to this branch of the work ; and, if it would be found that enough could not be realized in this way, which, in all probability would be the result in many of the counties of this State, let the law be so amended as to give the Boards of education power to make limited appropriations for this purpose. I desire, also, to direct your attention to the present plan of grading certificates. No credit is given to one who has been a successful teacher in our schools for years. Would it not be well for the law to be so modified as to give experienced and good teachers a preference over those who have not been tried, or who have been tried and found wanting in the matter of teaching. Teachers who have prepared themselves for the work, and who devote their life to it successfully, are certainly to be preferred.

You will please pardon me for making so many suggestions in regard to the school law. And I deprecate the idea of changing too much, as it tends to disorganize our matters, much to the injury of free schools. I will, however, venture to make one suggestion as

to the election of school officers. I think it highly important that, so far as possible, the school elections should be so far removed from politics, as to entirely prevent any influence of political tricksters in choosing officers to carry on the free schools of the State, (and it is so removed at the present time), yet it is desirable, in order to have the work done promptly, that the election either take place sooner, or the officers be allowed to hold over until, say, the first of January following, in order to have the schools commence promptly on the first Monday in September of each year, which is very desirable in many of the counties in the State. It is also desirable that in the election of the Boards of education in the various districts in the State that some of the old board remain in offices. As it is now, the board may be composed entirely of new members, who are ignorant of the work they are called upon to do, thus consuming time in learning the details of the work, to the damage of the schools of the county and State. I would recommend that one new member be elected at each school election—two holding over—and thereby securing their experience for the future term.

TEACHERS AND GRADES OF THEIR CERTIFICATES.

M. A. Fletcher.....	3	Bessie Pennybaker.....	1
A. L. Dunbar.....	1	L. C. Page.....	2
Maggie A. Stapleton.....	2	H. J. Ross.....	2
Kinnie Smith.....	2	Pierce Leavett.....	3
Elizabeth McCreary.....	2	Solomon Fuckley.....	3
Della R. Sprague.....	1	A. L. Martin.....	1
Fannie L. Shaw.....	1	David Martin.....	1
Viola C. Shepherd.....	2	C. Bibbe.....	2
Celia E. Davis.....	2	Martin F. Roe.....	3
D. B. Horton.....	1	Sarah M. Ashby.....	3
John Fletcher.....	1	Seraph P. Wibber.....	3
E. P. Metzgrave.....	1	W. Bibbe.....	2
Annie Crichton.....	1	James H. Buckley.....	3
Carrie Hall.....	2	S. M. Bosco.....	2
James G. Adams.....	1	Levi Stephens.....	2
James M. Hiett.....	2	J. C. Black.....	1
Wm. R. Foggin.....	2	H. C. Wigal.....	1
Thomas Ross.....	2	P. F. Willis.....	3
E. B. Davis.....	1	W. S. Black.....	2
Wm. H. Underwood.....	1	J. J. Lynch.....	1
Stephen H. Morris.....	3	Jennie Devore.....	2
Nannie Vinton.....	1	Bettie Cook.....	1
Flora Shepherd.....	3	J. H. Harris.....	2
Annie Taylor.....	1	Girtie Lovett.....	2
A. L. Hollister.....	1	S. A. Minx.....	1
Annie R. McIntosh.....	1	E. S. Cox.....	1
Bettie R. Williams.....	1	Mary E. Buckley.....	1
Ora D. Moss.....	1	M. C. Dabie.....	2
Lucy Procter.....	1	Jennie Call.....	1
Lizzie Newton.....	1	Addison Ross.....	2
Charlotte Frankhouser.....	2	Sarah Dawson.....	2
M. P. Prettyman.....	1	Hattie Dawson.....	2
L. N. Tavernner.....	1	W. P. Mann.....	2
S. S. Hazen.....	1	K. J. Boggess.....	3
W. W. Robinson.....	1	Alanson Martin.....	1
Mary Frankhouser.....	2	W. N. Burk.....	3
Mary Brown.....	1	J. R. Jones.....	1
Jennie Stribling.....	1	Wm. McVey.....	3
Alice Lee.....	3	J. M. Reed.....	1
D. McAllister.....	1	Lizzie Armstrong.....	1
Mary J. Dyer.....	5	Linnie Norris.....	2

TEACHERS AND GRADES OF THEIR CERTIFICATES.

Susie B. Simmons.....	2	Mary C. Tavornour.....	1
Mary A. Gibbs.....	2	Lizzie Tiffany.....	1
Elva Fridlock.....	1	S. J. Farrell.....	1
Emilia Hall.....	3	R. C. Farrell.....	2
Helen A. Spenser.....	1	Mary Rice	2
Hattie Leachman.....	3	D. Z. Allerman.....	3
Nettie Leachman.....	3	Annie Woodyard.....	1
J. J. Nelson.....	1	D. P. Wigal, Esq.....	3
W. B. Lagrange.....	1	S. T. Bogges.....	1
Sophia E. Locker.....	4	Lizzie Hinckley.....	1
E. D. Walker.....	2	Nannie Hall.....	1
Mollie Ryan.....	1	James R. Cooper.....	2
R. B. Mussetter.....	2	Janne A. Tavornour.....	1
F. M. Harford.....	1	Fannie Bradford.....	2
Mary E. Baird.....	2	G. W. McVey.....	1
C. Nelson.....	1	S. P. Duval.....	3
J. F. Nelson.....	1	J. A. Sheets.....	2
J. T. Piggott.....	1	Nannie Moes.....	1
Samuel Forshay.....	3	Mary A. Vaughn.....	3
Annie R. Hicks.....	2	V. B. Arnold.....	1
Henry Bell	1	Henry S. Dye.....	3
Ja. W. Hays.....	1	John B. King.....	1
Hattie Creel.....	2	J. H. Meyer.....	1
R. T. Barber.....	1	John H. Pollock.....	1
L. D. Creel	2	Lou V. Parks.....	1
Wm. H. Horn.....	1	Geo. W. Stephens.....	4
S. G. Cunningham.....	3	D. A. Quick.....	2
Lou Butcher.....	2	John F. Quick.....	2
Mollie A. Camp.....	3		

WYOMING COUNTY—A. SHANNON, *Sup't.*

I thought when I came into office I could make a correct report; that it was the fault of the former county superintendents, but I soon found it was a mistake. I waited for the secretaries to make their reports—but few came in. I rode three days for one report, and when I came up with it, I could make nothing from it. There was no money paid over to the Treasury from teachers' fund. I aim to keep everything so that I can make a report next year in full. I am sorry my report is no better.

TEACHERS AND GRADES OF THEIR CERTIFICATES.

James H. Stewart.....	2	James Coak.....	4
J. C. H. Shannon.....	3	Miss Laura Cook.....	4
J. H. Hefdrick.....	3	W. H. Hanna.....	1
A. Boeste.....	4	A. S. Stann.....	3
Wm. R. Osborn.....	4	John W. Jackson.....	4
L. J. Cooper.....	4	P. Lambert.....	4
A. Lainbert.....	4	A. J. Belch.....	4
Jerry S. Poe.....	2	C. Q. Walker.....	3
W. B. Smith.....	4	Perry Bailey.....	4
Silas Goode.....	4	G. W. Cook.....	3
James B. Cook.....	4	H. Little.....	3
George W. Thomason.....	4	D. C. Ross.....	3
E. McDonald.....	3	I. F. Cook.....	4
M. W. Pendry.....	3	Mat Franklin.....	4
Miss D. H. Cook.....	3	J. Cook.....	4
H. Trunn.....	4	W. R. Cook.....	2
John A. Cook.....	2	J. W. Cline.....	3
Wm. T. Savor.....	2	W. C. Stanner.....	4
D. Gunnoe.....	2	C. S. Canterbury.....	3
F. P. Roach.....	3	Philip Lambert.....	4
G. D. Bailey.....	3		

CITY OF MARTINSBURG—D. SPEER, *Sup't.*

Owing to the peculiar organization of the schools of this district, I find that the blanks furnished me for the statistical and financial reports are not very well adapted. I trust, however, that I have succeeded in presenting the facts and figures in such a manner as to give you a correct idea of the condition of our schools.

We have made some educational progress during the year. The two new buildings to which reference was made in my last report, were completed in December, and immediately filled with pupils, transferred from rented rooms, and the over-crowded rooms from the central school building. The increase of scholars after the completion of the new buildings necessitated the employment of two additional teachers.

The total number of pupils enrolled, the average monthly enrollment, the average daily attendance, and the per cent. of attendance, show a decided gain over last year.

The examinations of all the classes for promotion in the primary schools were conducted by the superintendent and principal, and were in the main, quite satisfactory, and evidenced the fact, that special progress had been made in spelling and writing. A few years ago these branches were the most unsatisfactory, now they are receiving to some degree, that attention their importance demands. Our grammar school has accomplished good work. The progress in study, and the general improvement during the year is worthy of notice.

A steady and gratifying improvement is also noticeable, in general, in the government of the schools.

In conclusion I may say that the attendance during the year has been greater than ever before. The teachers* have labored with commendable zeal and success. The board of education has done all in its power, (except visiting the schools and providing necessary apparatus,) to render the schools prosperous, and the year has closed with marked improvement in nearly every department.

TEACHERS AND GRADES OF THEIR CERTIFICATES.

A. Tegethoff.....	1	Annie O'Neal.....	2
F. J. Hayden.....	1	Annie E. Hill.....	1
D. S. Noble.....	1	Jennie Albertis.....	1
J. M. Duffenderfer.....	1	Kate Ahern	2
W. S. Crouse.....	1	M. L. Cutting.....	1
A. R. Long.....	2	Alice V. Willson.....	1
Charles T. Kenney.....	1	A. J. Riddle.....	1
Wm. Gehardt.....	1	Anna V. Colston.....	1
M. E. Fiery.....	2	Anna M. Madera.....	1
Ellie V. Emmert.....	1	L. G. Winn.....	1
Emma C. Embick.....	1	H. E. Keys, (colored).....	2

WHEELING CITY—JOHN C. HERVEY, *Sup't.*

NO WRITTEN REPORT.

Teachers Employed in the Public Schools of Wheeling; the Grades of their Certificates, and their Position in the Schools.

Year Ending June 30th, 1875.

NAMES.	Grade	POSITION.	NAMES.	Grade.	POSITION.
FIRST WARD.					
Z. G. Bundy.....	1	Principal.	Jennie Patterson.....	2	Div. D, Primary.
A. W. Bundy.....	2	Gram. School.			
Hannah A. Phillips.....	2	Div. A, Primary.			
Agnes McClure.....	1	" B,			
Alice V. Oxtoby.....	2	" B,			
Matilda McDonald.....	2	" C,			
Sallie Robinson.....	2	" C,			
Annie Johnston.....	2	" D,			
Mary Connely.....	1	" D,			
Mary E. Phipps.....	2	" D,			
SECOND WARD.					
Mary E. Jeffers.....	1	Div. B & C, Prim.			
Miriam Dean.....	2	" D,			
Mattie Stout.....	2	" D,			
THIRD WARD.					
Sallie J. Meholin.....	1	Principal.	A. M. Stevenson.....	1	Principal.
Maggie Davis.....	1	Grauman School.	E. M. Boyd.....	1	Grammar School.
Mary A. Davies.....	1	Div. A, Primary.	Julia M. Wiley.....	2	Div. A, Primary.
Eunice J. Stephens.....	2	" B,	Ella J. McElvey.....	2	" B,
Mary A. Bailie.....	2	" C,	Jennie A. Campbell.....	1	" C,
Lizzie M. Swift.....	2	" D,	Emma E. Snowden.....	1	" D,
Jane McColloch.....	2	" D,	Hannah M. Nicoll.....	2	" D,
FOURTH WARD.					
James F. Snowden.....	1	Principal.	C. A. Schaefer.....	1	
Mattie McElvey.....	1	Grammar School.	Lizzie Schust	2	
Annie Ewing.....	2	Div. A, Primary.	Mary Bingell.....	1	
Ada Dillon.....	2	" A,	Mary Arbenz.....	2	
Annie Jeffers.....	2	" B,	Anna Zimmerman.....	2	
Lizzie Downs.....	1	" B,			
Sadie Stout.....	1	" C,			
M. Lou McCulloch.....	2	" C,			
Amanda Robinson.....	2	" D,			
Lucinda Sims.....	1	" D,			
Maria Ellingham.....	1	" D,			
Sophia Davies.....	2	" D,			
FIFTH WARD.					
Rev. Jas. H. McMechen..	1	Principal.	H. N. Mertz.....	1	Principal.
M. E. Taylor.....	2	Grammar School.	Belle Graham.....	1	Grammar School.
Gertrude Kraft.....	1	Div. A, Primary.	Ella J. Stephens.....	2	Div. A, Primary.
Cornelia Hamilton.....	2	" B,	Emma S. Anderson.....	1	" A,
Maggie Reid.....	2	" B,	Kate Leighton.....	1	" B,
Minnie S. Black.....	2	" C,	Sarah A. Scott.....	2	" B,
Annie W. Boyd.....	1	" D,	Jessie A. Emblem.....	1	" C,
			Josie F. Rose.....	1	" C,
			Clerie H. White.....	1	" D,
			Clara L. Swift.....	1	" D,
			Maggie Clohan.....	2	" D,
			Sarah McKinley.....	2	" D,
COLORED SCHOOL.					
			W. F. Gaskins	1	Principal.
			Harriet E. Carter	1	Assistant

Had classes in all
the wards.

PUBLIC SCHOOLS OF WHEELING.

A TABLE—Showing the average monthly enrolment, average daily attendance, and number of teachers employed in the several schools and divisions; average number of scholars per teacher, per cent. of average daily attendance on monthly enrolment, and the cost of instruction.

School Year Ending June 30, 1875.

WARDS.	GRAMMAR schools.		A. DIVISIONS PRIMARY.		B. DIVISIONS PRIMARY.		C. DIVISIONS PRIMARY.		D. DIVISIONS PRIMARY.		WARD SCHOOL TOTALS.		Expense for Tuition or Teachers' Salaries.	Cost per Pupil for Tuition.		
	Average Monthly Enrollment.	Average Daily Attendance.														
First.....	36	33	2	33	47	2	87	79	2	137	2	427	377	10	\$8 \$4,520.00	
Second.....	37	31	2	51	47	1	45	40	1	82	2	127	116	3	91 1,105.00	
Third.....	32	28	2	44	40	2	71	60	2	114	104	2	304	273	7	90 3,390.00
Fourth.....	41	35	2	29	24	1	62	53	2	235	206	4	474	417	12	40 5,240.00
Fifth.....	27	21	2	37	32	1	45	36	1	110	2	166	146	3	298 3,775.00	
Sixth.....	39	32	2	39	33	1	48	43	1	51	46	1	94	86	2	45 4,110.00
Seventh.....	38	30	2	75	64	2	96	82	2	161	131	3	172	149	3	530 3,950.00
Eighth.....	251	217	14	328	287	10	454	393	11	660	575	13	1148	1017	20	2489 3,770.00
Totals (white)....	\$8 \$10,883
Totals (colored) ...	251	217	14	328	287	10	454	393	11	660	575	13	1148	1017	20	2489 68
Grand Totls.	251	217	14	328	287	10	454	393	11	660	575	13	1148	1017	20	2489 68

Showing the Population, Enumeration of Youth and Enrolment of
Pupils by Sub-Districts, for

School Year Ending June 30th, 1875.

SUB-DISTRICTS.	Popula- tion.	Enum- eration of youth.	Enrol- ment of pupils.
Washington (First Ward).....	3,602	1,294	594
Madison (Seventh Ward).....	3,818	1,271	880
Clay (Second and Third Wards).....	3,637	1,165	668
Union (Fourth Ward).....	4,299	1,460	657
Centre (Fifth Ward).....	2,888	1,020	429
Webster (Sixth Ward).....	4,151	1,418	613
Ritchie (Eighth Ward).....	3,880	1,389	763
Totals.....	26,270	9,017	4,104
Colored "	26,270 + 537	9,017 + 130	4,104

*Included in the above.

Financial Statement of the School District of Wheeling for
Year Ending August 1st, 1875.

SCHOOL FUND.		
RECEIPTS.	EXPENDITURES.	
Balance.....	\$4,477 32	
Levy.....	36,665 43	Salaries..... \$39,523 34
State.....	10,763 91	Com's, Fuel, Repairs, Mis..... 8,585 25
Miscellaneous.....	642 20	Balance..... 4,435 27
Total.....	\$52,548 86	Total..... \$52,548 86

BUILDING FUND.

RECEIPTS.	EXPENDITURES.
Balance.....	\$ 3,888 46
Levy.....	21,899 25
Miscellaneous	144 00
Total.....	\$25,431 71
	Construction..... \$18,418 63
	Com's Mis..... 798 28
	Balance..... 6,214 86
	Total..... \$25,431 71

Day schools were in session ten months. Evening schools were in session four months, at an expense for tuition of \$1,562.54. The enrolment in evening schools was 576; average attendance 335. Average monthly enrolment in German classes 482. Tuition for German instruction \$2,300.

Salaries of teachers in day schools—Principals, \$1,100; assistants in Grammar schools, \$440. Teachers in A and B Divisions, Primary, \$385; in C and D Divisions, \$360. Principal of colored school, \$800; assistant, \$360. Superintendent of German instruction, \$800. Teachers of German, \$300.

STATISTICAL TABLES.

FOR THE

SCHOOL YEAR ENDING AUGUST 31, 1876.

EXPLANATION OF STATISTICAL TABLES.

TABLE A—Showing the receipts and disbursements of the Teachers' Fund.

TABLE B—Showing the receipts and expenditures of the Building Fund.

TABLE C—Showing the number and value of school houses, &c.

TABLE D—Enrolment of youth between the ages of six and twenty-one years, and the number attending school.

TABLE E—Sub-districts, and schools, and number and grade of certificates.

TABLE F—Number of teachers and number of months taught.

TABLE G—Age of pupils; number studying; number of district officers and visits from officers.

TABLE H—Amount of district levies; amount of delinquent lists; total receipts and expenditures; balance on hand; apportionment and average cost per pupil.

TABLE I—Showing the apportionment of the State School Fund for the school years commencing September 1, 1875, and September 1, 1876; the enumeration of youth for the same years, and the amount paid, salaries of county superintendents.

FREE SCHOOLS.

TABLE A.
Showing the Receipts and Disbursements of the Teachers' Fund.
1849-'50 FOR FREE SCHOOLS FUND.

DISBURSEMENT.	SALARIES PAID TEACHERS.						AVERAGE SALARIES.	
	MEN'S SALARIES.			WOMEN'S SALARIES.				
	Male.	Female.	Total.	Male.	Female.	Total.		
Salaries	\$ 11,397.80	\$ 11,466.25	\$ 22,863.85	\$ 1,688.57	\$ 128.66	\$ 1,817.23	\$ 9,601.65	
Wages	6,099.00	7,100.00	13,200.00	2,447.43	600.00	741.50	13,111.18	
Allowances	7,712.00	7,212.00	14,924.00	831.99	.....	.....	13,205.74
Supplies	6,099.00	6,099.00	12,198.00	5,911.50	5,911.50	5,911.50	5,267.50	
Postage	6,099.00	6,099.00	12,198.00	4,251.60	4,251.60	4,251.60	3,571.74	
Interest	6,099.00	6,099.00	12,198.00	4,251.60	4,251.60	4,251.60	3,571.74	
Charitable	6,099.00	6,099.00	12,198.00	4,251.60	4,251.60	4,251.60	3,571.74	
Other	6,099.00	6,099.00	12,198.00	4,251.60	4,251.60	4,251.60	3,571.74	
Total	\$ 42,186.86	\$ 42,186.86	\$ 84,373.71	\$ 6,789.12	\$ 128.66	\$ 6,900.78	\$ 34,242.32	
White	3,600.00	3,600.00	7,200.00	2,447.43	600.00	741.50	13,111.18	
Colored	3,600.00	3,600.00	7,200.00	831.99	.....	.....	13,205.74
Males	3,600.00	3,600.00	7,200.00	5,911.50	5,911.50	5,911.50	5,267.50	
Females	3,600.00	3,600.00	7,200.00	4,251.60	4,251.60	4,251.60	3,571.74	
Total	\$ 11,510.23	\$ 11,510.23	\$ 20,400.00	\$ 16,363.55	\$ 122.66	\$ 16,363.55	\$ 33,455.44	
White	3,600.00	3,600.00	7,200.00	2,447.43	600.00	741.50	13,111.18	
Colored	3,600.00	3,600.00	7,200.00	831.99	.....	.....	13,205.74
Males	3,600.00	3,600.00	7,200.00	5,911.50	5,911.50	5,911.50	5,267.50	
Females	3,600.00	3,600.00	7,200.00	4,251.60	4,251.60	4,251.60	3,571.74	
Total	\$ 2,840.95	\$ 2,840.95	\$ 5,681.90	\$ 3,333.25	\$ 122.66	\$ 3,333.25	\$ 23,302.90	
White	3,600.00	3,600.00	7,200.00	2,447.43	600.00	741.50	13,111.18	
Colored	3,600.00	3,600.00	7,200.00	831.99	.....	.....	13,205.74
Males	3,600.00	3,600.00	7,200.00	5,911.50	5,911.50	5,911.50	5,267.50	
Females	3,600.00	3,600.00	7,200.00	4,251.60	4,251.60	4,251.60	3,571.74	
Total	\$ 9,314.41	\$ 9,314.41	\$ 18,625.98	\$ 10,875.60	\$ 122.66	\$ 10,875.60	\$ 30,706.62	
White	3,600.00	3,600.00	7,200.00	2,447.43	600.00	741.50	13,111.18	
Colored	3,600.00	3,600.00	7,200.00	831.99	.....	.....	13,205.74
Males	3,600.00	3,600.00	7,200.00	5,911.50	5,911.50	5,911.50	5,267.50	
Females	3,600.00	3,600.00	7,200.00	4,251.60	4,251.60	4,251.60	3,571.74	
Total	\$ 5,440.01	\$ 5,440.01	\$ 10,890.51	\$ 3,920.54	\$ 122.66	\$ 3,920.54	\$ 35,137.50	
White	3,600.00	3,600.00	7,200.00	2,447.43	600.00	741.50	13,111.18	
Colored	3,600.00	3,600.00	7,200.00	831.99	.....	.....	13,205.74
Males	3,600.00	3,600.00	7,200.00	5,911.50	5,911.50	5,911.50	5,267.50	
Females	3,600.00	3,600.00	7,200.00	4,251.60	4,251.60	4,251.60	3,571.74	
Total	\$ 11,478.64	\$ 11,478.64	\$ 23,302.90	\$ 10,875.60	\$ 122.66	\$ 10,875.60	\$ 32,390.15	
White	3,600.00	3,600.00	7,200.00	2,447.43	600.00	741.50	13,111.18	
Colored	3,600.00	3,600.00	7,200.00	831.99	.....	.....	13,205.74
Males	3,600.00	3,600.00	7,200.00	5,911.50	5,911.50	5,911.50	5,267.50	
Females	3,600.00	3,600.00	7,200.00	4,251.60	4,251.60	4,251.60	3,571.74	
Total	\$ 6,971.76	\$ 6,971.76	\$ 13,943.52	\$ 7,200.00	\$ 122.66	\$ 7,200.00	\$ 39,833.85	
White	3,600.00	3,600.00	7,200.00	2,447.43	600.00	741.50	13,111.18	
Colored	3,600.00	3,600.00	7,200.00	831.99	.....	.....	13,205.74
Males	3,600.00	3,600.00	7,200.00	5,911.50	5,911.50	5,911.50	5,267.50	
Females	3,600.00	3,600.00	7,200.00	4,251.60	4,251.60	4,251.60	3,571.74	
Total	\$ 4,058.13	\$ 4,058.13	\$ 11,919.26	\$ 7,200.00	\$ 122.66	\$ 7,200.00	\$ 25,661.90	
White	3,600.00	3,600.00	7,200.00	2,447.43	600.00	741.50	13,111.18	
Colored	3,600.00	3,600.00	7,200.00	831.99	.....	.....	13,205.74
Males	3,600.00	3,600.00	7,200.00	5,911.50	5,911.50	5,911.50	5,267.50	
Females	3,600.00	3,600.00	7,200.00	4,251.60	4,251.60	4,251.60	3,571.74	
Total	\$ 13,871.00	\$ 13,871.00	\$ 27,630.00	\$ 10,875.60	\$ 122.66	\$ 10,875.60	\$ 36,490.60	
White	3,600.00	3,600.00	7,200.00	2,447.43	600.00	741.50	13,111.18	
Colored	3,600.00	3,600.00	7,200.00	831.99	.....	.....	13,205.74
Males	3,600.00	3,600.00	7,200.00	5,911.50	5,911.50	5,911.50	5,267.50	
Females	3,600.00	3,600.00	7,200.00	4,251.60	4,251.60	4,251.60	3,571.74	
Total	\$ 14,295.84	\$ 14,295.84	\$ 28,565.00	\$ 10,875.60	\$ 122.66	\$ 10,875.60	\$ 37,490.00	
White	3,600.00	3,600.00	7,200.00	2,447.43	600.00	741.50	13,111.18	
Colored	3,600.00	3,600.00	7,200.00	831.99	.....	.....	13,205.74
Males	3,600.00	3,600.00	7,200.00	5,911.50	5,911.50	5,911.50	5,267.50	
Females	3,600.00	3,600.00	7,200.00	4,251.60	4,251.60	4,251.60	3,571.74	
Total	\$ 31,740.73	\$ 31,740.73	\$ 43,500.00	\$ 10,875.60	\$ 122.66	\$ 10,875.60	\$ 53,376.00	
White	3,600.00	3,600.00	7,200.00	2,447.43	600.00	741.50	13,111.18	
Colored	3,600.00	3,600.00	7,200.00	831.99	.....	.....	13,205.74
Males	3,600.00	3,600.00	7,200.00	5,911.50	5,911.50	5,911.50	5,267.50	
Females	3,600.00	3,600.00	7,200.00	4,251.60	4,251.60	4,251.60	3,571.74	
Total	\$ 6,405.30	\$ 6,405.30	\$ 8,500.00	\$ 7,200.00	\$ 122.66	\$ 7,200.00	\$ 25,166.66	
White	3,600.00	3,600.00	7,200.00	2,447.43	600.00	741.50	13,111.18	
Colored	3,600.00	3,600.00	7,200.00	831.99	.....	.....	13,205.74
Males	3,600.00	3,600.00	7,200.00	5,911.50	5,911.50	5,911.50	5,267.50	
Females	3,600.00	3,600.00	7,200.00	4,251.60	4,251.60	4,251.60	3,571.74	
Total	\$ 3,389.63	\$ 3,389.63	\$ 5,578.00	\$ 7,200.00	\$ 122.66	\$ 7,200.00	\$ 22,333.29	
White	3,600.00	3,600.00	7,200.00	2,447.43	600.00	741.50	13,111.18	
Colored	3,600.00	3,600.00	7,200.00	831.99	.....	.....	13,205.74
Males	3,600.00	3,600.00	7,200.00	5,911.50	5,911.50	5,911.50	5,267.50	
Females	3,600.00	3,600.00	7,200.00	4,251.60	4,251.60	4,251.60	3,571.74	
Total	\$ 18,068.15	\$ 18,068.15	\$ 33,277.00	\$ 7,200.00	\$ 122.66	\$ 7,200.00	\$ 53,333.85	
White	3,600.00	3,600.00	7,200.00	2,447.43	600.00	741.50	13,111.18	
Colored	3,600.00	3,600.00	7,200.00	831.99	.....	.....	13,205.74
Males	3,600.00	3,600.00	7,200.00	5,911.50	5,911.50	5,911.50	5,267.50	
Females	3,600.00	3,600.00	7,200.00	4,251.60	4,251.60	4,251.60	3,571.74	
Total	\$ 25,082.22	\$ 25,082.22	\$ 40,279.00	\$ 7,200.00	\$ 122.66	\$ 7,200.00	\$ 63,361.88	
White	3,600.00	3,600.00	7,200.00	2,447.43	600.00	741.50	13,111.18	
Colored	3,600.00	3,600.00	7,200.00	831.99	.....	.....	13,205.74
Males	3,600.00	3,600.00	7,200.00	5,911.50	5,911.50	5,911.50	5,267.50	
Females	3,600.00	3,600.00	7,200.00	4,251.60	4,251.60	4,251.60	3,571.74	
Total	\$ 8,802.24	\$ 8,802.24	\$ 13,011.00	\$ 7,200.00	\$ 122.66	\$ 7,200.00	\$ 24,013.86	
White	3,600.00	3,600.00	7,200.00	2,447.43	600.00	741.50	13,111.18	
Colored	3,600.00	3,600.00	7,200.00	831.99	.....	.....	13,205.74
Males	3,600.00	3,600.00	7,200.00	5,911.50	5,911.50	5,911.50	5,267.50	
Females	3,600.00	3,600.00	7,200.00	4,251.60	4,251.60	4,251.60	3,571.74	
Total	\$ 4,177.64	\$ 4,177.64	\$ 9,201.00	\$ 7,200.00	\$ 122.66	\$ 7,200.00	\$ 20,677.30	
White	3,600.00	3,600.00	7,200.00	2,447.43	600.00	741.50	13,111.18	
Colored	3,600.00	3,600.00	7,200.00	831.99	.....	.....	13,205.74
Males	3,600.00	3,600.00	7,200.00	5,911.50	5,911.50	5,911.50	5,267.50	
Females	3,600.00	3,600.00	7,200.00	4,251.60	4,251.60	4,251.60	3,571.74	
Total	\$ 6,390.27	\$ 6,390.27	\$ 13,010.00	\$ 7,200.00	\$ 122.66	\$ 7,200.00	\$ 36,233.93	

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TABLE A—Continued.

Showing the Receipts and Disbursements of the Teachers' Fund.

COUNTY.	RECEIPTS FOR TEACHERS' FUND.		SALARIES PAID TEACHERS.						AVERAGE SALARIES.							
	From State.		From Localty.		From Peabody Fund		From Other Sources.		AGGREGATE SALARIES.		WHITE.		COLORED.			
	Total.	Male.	White.	Female.	Colored.	Male.	Female.	Male.	Female.	Total.	Male.	Female.	Total.	Male.	Female.	
Monongalia.	\$ 1,812 41	\$ 5,747 18	\$ 7,862 05	\$ 10,633 42	\$	\$ 22 00	\$ 14,933 64	\$ 9,844 00	\$ 3,080 96	\$	175 00	\$ 18,089 96	\$ 75 32	68 00	\$ 85 00	
Monroe.	157 00	8,677 65	10,633 42	11,166 69	5,986 39	10,268 35	1,384 00	1,370 00	12,327 35	38 12	38 25	28 25	38 00	31 21	38 75	
Morgan.	1,019 46	1,799 84	2,266 15	2,182 08	NWD 18	5,919 28	4,770 70	5,946 00	5,946 00	4,326 08	32 12	32 16	30 00	31 42	30 00	
Nicholas.	724 97	2,266 15	2,472 51	7,610 00	422 62	11,982 04	5,749 50	8,857 50	8,857 50	4,975 54	52 24	52 30	22 00	24 37	24 37	
Ohio.	1,677 51	2,472 51	5,437 01	2,843 73	24 00	7,245 22	7,245 22	1,411 00	1,411 00	9,713 00	49 24	52 37	50 22	51 26	52 28	
Pendleton.	356 94	1,799 82	2,362 19	300 00	61 27	6,317 94	2,810 84	2,408 00	2,408 00	7,425 16	25 12	26 26	21 00	25 15	26 00	
Pleasants.	1,123 26	1,799 82	2,380 67	10,091 58	2 00	17,813 86	13,637 20	2,410 57	2,410 57	16,207 77	35 70	51 61	35 00	19 64	32 00	
Parkersburg.	906 88	6,893 65	5,632 82	10 00	61 15	11,971 88	7,176 30	1,377 00	1,377 00	8,756 00	36 15	34 42	32 33	34 91	30 00	
Preston.	2,251 95	3,725 16	2,452 73	6,390 93	460 61	5,946 22	4,784 50	4,557 03	4,557 03	4,889 53	24 15	50 50	21 00	21 50	21 50	
Putnam.	3,966 61	2,452 73	8,650 18	3,690 93	2,125 98	6,539 87	5,621 38	1,894 50	1,894 50	6,825 58	30 19	37 50	26 50	26 50	26 50	
Randolph.	1,747 92	2,452 73	8,650 18	3,690 93	300 00	6,539 87	5,621 38	1,894 50	1,894 50	6,825 58	30 19	37 50	26 50	26 50	26 50	
Richie.	2,074 56	8,171 38	8,371 01	10,439 80	4,584 74	10,163 32	8,281 92	884 50	884 50	12,386 24	38 90	33 46	33 38	33 69	33 69	
Roane.	K.	4,063 75	2,518 36	2,465 58	5,639 48	4,065 68	8,622 25	4,465 80	4,465 80	5,263 00	28 53	28 10	25 27	30 16	27 99	
Summers.	685 64	4,045 11	6,634 50	1,100 00	12,661 58	7,234 50	2,673 00	2,673 00	2,673 00	9,980 83	39 90	34 50	30 00	36 60	30 50	
Taylor.	881 97	1,114 72	1,103 00	1,103 00	1,307 72	1,307 72	1,307 72	623 00	623 00	2,053 00	25 15	20 00	22 50	22 50	22 50	
Tucker.	C.	8,145 41	3,900 39	3,692 12	11,327 92	7,553 70	6,996 39	2,862 00	2,862 00	7,891 76	30 64	35 53	29 50	30 28	30 28	
Tyler.	1,157 37	8,721 17	5,908 79	600 00	642 13	11,439 06	9,299 62	1,151 00	1,151 00	7,891 76	30 64	35 53	29 50	30 28	30 28	
Ushur.	4,811 62	4,388 00	4,388 00	4,388 00	3,32 39	1,125 32	913 50	289 00	289 00	2,314 24	31 33	33 64	25 50	33 14	31 16	
Wayne.	G.	882 95	5,320 31	5,320 31	13,226 29	8,776 57	952 00	.....	.....	1,202 50	21 66	22 88	21 99	21 99	21 99
Webster.	3,138 35	2,206 82	4,085 15	300 00	616 43	8,232 28	3,335 07	2,164 50	2,164 50	5,489 57	37 50	70 71	30 50	34 14	30 50	
Wetzel.	3,038 88	1,431 61	8,989 96	22,358 59	143 91	35,868 97	12,318 63	12,738 58	12,738 58	26,367 63	31 66	34 77	25 00	30 00	30 00	
Wirt.	4,381 27	10,194 17	34,946 64	8,391 68	32 00	10,117 65	4,188 41	30,941 00	30,941 00	39,141 00	77 05	88 08	66 08	46 36	53 62	
Wood.	4,385 27	10,194 17	34,946 64	8,391 68	32 00	10,117 65	4,188 41	30,941 00	30,941 00	39,141 00	70,16 42	68 23	00 44	16 16	41 70	
Young.	J.	4,385 27	10,194 17	34,946 64	8,391 68	32 00	10,117 65	4,188 41	30,941 00	30,941 00	39,141 00	70,16 42	68 23	00 44	16 16	41 70
City Marting.	Grand total.	\$82,921 30	\$2207,884 05	\$889,102 42	\$7,400 00	\$83,845 37	\$685,282 68	\$871,184 47	\$148,707 47	\$12,700 82	\$8,943 50	\$631,545 26	\$3 89	\$3 89	\$1 97	\$1 97

TABLE

COUNTY.	RECEIPTS FOR THE BUILDING FUND.					EXPENDITURES OF				
	Balance on hand at beginning of school year.	From Levy for Building Fund.	From other sources for Building Fund	Total.	For Land.	For Houses.	For Rent.	For Repairs.		
Barbour.....	\$ 774 22	\$ 4,460 35	\$ 5,234 57	\$ 10 00	\$ 579 83	\$ 773 32	\$ 475 41			
Berkeley.....	1,214 83	2,778 59	81 68	4,975 10	250 00	447 50	470 85			
Boone.....	291 66	1,182 29		1,473 95	11 50				217 24	
Braxton.....	116 48	4,031 02	805 31	4,852 81		2,923 04	14 00		94 64	
Brooke.....	601 86	2,069 05	134 94	2,805 85		1,296 00	20 00		256 02	
Cabell.....	849 35	6,063 29	187 80	7,100 44	504 63	1,974 84	75 00		916 82	
Calhoun.....	311 55	1,676 65	421 19	2,409 39		567 36			287 73	
Clay.....	1,591 79	1,554 23	125 25	3,274 27		778 33	12 50		69 50	
Doddridge.....	183 00	3,649 25	89 00	3,921 25	20 00	153 00	8 00		369 68	
Fayette.....	1,632 74	2,159 25	2 09	3,794 08	12 50	797 50	44 00		135 65	
Gilmer.....	375 76	2,255 27	74 91	2,705 94	13 50	1,145 18	12 00		78 03	
Grant.....	755 49	2,159 16	3 25	2,918 69	20 00	679 00	17 63		316 78	
Greenbrier.....	1,300 57	8,832 29	5 00	5,137 86	31 00	702 10	208 50		471 61	
Hampshire.....	904 70	7,479 93	24 54	8,409 17	46 00	2,022 51	43 96		389 14	
Hancock.....	164 28	2,965 44	55 49	3,185 21		1,414 06	50 00		300 80	
Hardy.....	844 37	828 66		1,673 03	19 00	408 00	22 20		96 36	
Harrison.....	2,691 26	7,311 05	504 50	10,599 81	98 33	3,862 12	12 00		1,153 90	
Jackson.....	757 66	5,279 76	531 75	6,569 17	35 00	2,144 10			499 80	
Jefferson.....	1,200 61	5,768 43		6,939 01	201 00	2,832 25	436 09		438 57	
Kanawha.....	4,756 81	7,814 92	4,027 41	16,599 14		2,475 04	263 45		1,832 36	
Lewis.....	1,466 45	3,064 77		6,331 22	1,033 00	1,617 24	24 32		159 24	
Lincoln.....	1,719 34	1,903 06		3,622 34	45 00	698 50	5 00		93 85	
Logan.....	351 59	1,279 97		1,631 56		466 00	16 00		88 13	
Marion.....	1,007 72	8,111 90	1,046 34	10,165 96	268 75	3,891 00			640 18	
Marshall E.....	10,490 01	4,151 02		14,641 03	40 00	8,256 03			1,384 62	
Mason.....	214 93	9,236 19		9,451 12	18 00	670 55	33 00		2,634 02	
McDowell C.....		66 54		66 54		190 00	5 00		8 00	
Mercer.....	70 77			1,202 08	1,272 85		738 50	5 00		
Mineral.....	2,675 60	5,427 83	480 91	8,584 34	465 48	3,216 59	44 00		405 31	
Monongalia.....	412 31	3,868 43		3,220 74	2 00				522 24	
Monroe.....	73 08	6,717 31	87 55	6,879 94	50 00	3,851 31	54 25		604 60	
Morgan.....	2,310 09	2,900 28	99 69	5,310 06		1,92 12	70 00		144 47	
Nicholas.....	825 83	1,809 13	156 10	2,791 06	10 00	580 38			225 04	
Ohio.....	724 09	3,968 77	34 00	4,714 81	48 83	235 50			1,126 08	
Pendleton.....	68 22	2,050 69		2,118 91	5 00	1,131 22	50 50		85 67	
Pleasants.....	413 27	2,426 41	183 30	3,022 00		1,100 00	15 00		97 16	
Pocahontas.....	141 57	1,837 68		1,979 25	59 00	514 00			37 19	
Preston.....	925 41	7,018 11	599 84	8,543 30	27 00	3,859 22			706 09	
Putnam.....	651 30	4,032 58	3 35	4,707 23	25 00	1,602 25	7 00		648 67	
Raleigh.....	1,011 68	2,096 46		3,118 14	5 00	1,262 97	8 00		211 30	
Randolph.....	1,236 58	2,654 97	3,9 07	1,190 62	5 00	1,678 06	4 00		314 14	
Ritchie.....	750 68	6,778 79	426 01	7,965 48	15 00	2,135 11	19 00		456 28	
Roane E.....		1,772 16	70 00	1,842 10		1,393 75	185 15		123 15	
Summers.....	175 16	2,228 63	85 97	2,389 81	18 41	1,807 98	2 95		74 63	
Taylor.....	368 87	4,729 19		5,098 06	751 00	1,054 00	12 00		729 61	
Tucker C.....										
Tyler.....	1,219 06	1,889 00		3,108 06		1,022 00	16 00		96 53	
Upshur.....	828 95	2,991 51	222 03	4,042 49	15 00	1,356 32	14 00		352 41	
Wayne D.....					100 00	795 00			40 00	
Webster.....		438 96	234 47	673 43			4 00		79 08	
Wetzel.....	95 62	5,875 20	1,247 39	8,218 21		1,749 39			399 78	
Wirt.....	721 20	2,539 09	464 17	8,721 46		1,016 00			448 25	
Wood.....	3,126 85	18,822 15	140 59	17,089 59	10 00	4,102 35	104 00		2,105 62	
Wyoming.....		1,839 20		1,339 20	45 00	795 00			65 55	
City of Wheeling.....	6,214 85	20,967 93	471 34	27,634 12	4,000 00	26,240 32				
City of Martinsb'g.....	57 11	2,203 62	10,887 87	12,650 69	1,008 00				300 00	
Total.....	\$31,172 23	\$219,863 85	\$29,190 20	\$291,294 42	\$9,354 93	\$105,187 46	\$2,707 60		\$23,711 12	

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B.

Expenditures of the Building Fund.

THE BUILDING FUND.

\$	For Fuel.	For Furniture.	For Apparatus.	For Interest.	Commissions.	For Enrollment.	Sweeping, Building and making Fires.	Paid Secretary of Board.	Contingent Ex- penses.	Total.
482 70	22 35	\$ 224 92	\$ 173 76	\$ 154 08	78 00	\$ 447 22	\$ 238 50	\$ 55 18	\$ 2,941 96	
189 25	663 73	69 57	10 00	480 48	69 50	227 25	210 00	277 48	3,691 03	
102 70		8 50		96 20	45 25		100 00	32 11	1,060 80	
544 61	.70	6 00	707 03	219 56	61 72	17 25	135 50	279 41	5,007 11	
407 50		10 00	179 04	191 72	56 50	450 00	85 00	787 82	8,745 60	
531 46	126 52	1,213 00	42 00	472 89	72 75	303 63	170 00	113 54	6,519 08	
165 24	260 64	29 03	44 35	112 25	40 50		145 00	52 81	1,744 91	
216 47	11 50			77 71	34 50	23 00	115 00	31 25	1,308 76	
528 89	44 95	370 00		538 19	63 75	347 26	200 00	47 75	2,792 97	
466 05	30 90	14 50		210 53	73 45		175 00	87 61	2,047 59	
288 58	146 80	25 00		53 14	33 60	51 35	93 00	26 41	2,021 65	
314 50	126 85		5 51	194 34	45 25	1 50	150 00	189 06	2,050 37	
300 46	236 92	1 97		322 46	83 50	95 75	415 00	234 45	8,203 79	
288 55	237 86		42 00	240 11	67 75	10 75	217 50	198 64	3,789 27	
187 75	79 71		113 17	145 19	30 50	304 58	210 00	195 56	3,003 17	
739 09	95 60	11 50	160 90	78 24	106 50	972 52	370 00	392 54	8,317 24	
783 34	211 35	4 45	142 24	262 75	73 00	219 75	110 00	104 43	4,695 21	
617 79	318 44	8 50		342 23	100 00	135 40	245 00	254 61	6,029 88	
1,782 95	529 60		62 80	545 85	179 50	491 29	420 09	2,415 19	10,498 12	
544 04	11 60	135 49		41 42	76 14	546 93	165 00	158 32	4,515 46	
199 36	33 95	2 00	164 88	156 07	79 45		273 00	31 97	1,777 03	
51 65					51 50		125 50	31 21	829 99	
852 00	488 65	103 00	72 00	359 17	87 00	798 57	175 00	451 05	8,190 68	
1,906 86	1,278 99	10 00	477 79	959 66	125 50	839 65	265 00	1,247 88	16,595 88	
1,312 29	157 95	53 05	40 00	501 05	128 40	891 98	390 00	371 48	7,236 77	
					39 86	56 00		85 00	32 00	305 86
15 60					49 55	53 75		155 00	54 69	1,072 09
252 72	149 90	28 90	39 59	122 83	64 00	129 09	150 00	208 16	5,366 48	
716 33	47 38			345 64	91 70	594 06	235 00	289 76	2,879 71	
561 53	624 80	10 50		237 92	94 50	33 98	210 00	90 70	6,425 09	
220 75	15 11		18 00	361 65	46 00	121 80	155 00	49 39	1,687 29	
226 96	6 50			175 98	64 00	1 25	155 00	337 71	1,782 82	
492 70		24 30	570 20	425 35	37 00	404 18	160 00	262 80	8,786 97	
97 05	11 69	6 00		214 42	59 50		140 00	24 36	1,794 91	
334 47	7 03			55 12	56 75	130 28	180 00	196 90	2,172 76	
95 24	190 60	200 00		78 06	60 55		100 00	128 52	1,463 86	
1,231 28	404 51	175 40	22 50	282 52	134 50	510 87	267 50	165 23	7,728 40	
473 17	234 90	71 21		265 88	94 00	121 73	230 00	140 65	4,040 90	
81 10	42 75			89 11	46 50		220 00	206 66	2,173 39	
454 05	121 02			196 62	67 00	118 65	220 00	37 82	8,210 80	
738 77	49 85	44 50		458 32	89 00	383 27	165 00	62 95	4,077 02	
18 00	140 80	141 50	95 25	95 40	62 00		145 00	110 29	2,318 66	
32 85	7 00	6 00		106 30	43 94	6 00	159 98	38 56	2,326 40	
424 02	148 00	232 56	60 50	189 00	175 00	92 57			3,868 26	
509 01	135 75	1 04		60 50	89 50	122 80	160 00	588 74	2,795 58	
438 06	201 15	6 65		282 84	56 00	552 95	190 00	280 69	8,746 06	
75 60					15 00	500 70	70 00	11 00	1,111 00	
111 50					30 50	8 50	55 00		216 53	
671 75	56 33	43 50	92 30	186 85	85 48	141 75	125 00	61 26	4,057 19	
384 61	9 85		454 43	419 76	39 90	110 50	238 50	394 28	3,513 05	
1,694 76	786 47	75 08	88 25	1,045 21	130 50	816 50	275 00	1,294 17	12,427 78	
98 55	115 60				64 50		165 00		1,839 20	
550 52		160 00	600 00	640 88	25 00	480 67	100 00	9,562 23	13,367 29	
\$25,382 24	\$8,670 23	\$3,477 94	\$1,479 29	\$11,548 22	\$3,802 58	\$12,083 03	\$9,751 07	\$22,989 10	\$247,630 45	

FREE SCHOOLS.

TABLE C.
Showing the Number and Value of School Houses, &c,

COUNTY.	SCHOOL HOUSES,					VALUE OF SCHOOL PROPERTY					No. of volumes in Library.	
	Princ.	Brcde.	Stone.	Brcde.	Logs.	Whole Number	Number not yet completed.	Number built this year.	Value of school houses.	Furniture.	Apparatus.	
Barbour.....	64	14	78	4	\$ 1,122 00	\$ 41,957 50	\$ 106 00	\$ 171 85	\$ 43 357 35	...	...	...
Berkeley.....	36	3	9	1	1,828 00	90,985 00	915 00	665 00	34,343 00	...	...	...
Boone.....	2	42	44	2	315 00	7,265 00	160 00	8 30	7,748 30	...	...	...
Brown.....	25	83	58	2	380 00	19,463 30	30 00	5 50	20,028 50	...	...	...
Braxton.....	22	26	26	2	4,636 00	57,096 00	555 00	140 50	63,212 00	...	...	...
Brooke.....	21	3	32	56	4,292 50	21,928 50	1,887 25	4,600 00	27,458 22	...	...	...
Cabell.....	5	29	34	8	478 00	8,138 68	636 63	...	9,455 26	...	...	...
Calhoun.....	1	24	25	3	100 00	4,375 00	250 00	...	4,725 00	...	...	...
Clay.....	62	13	65	2	1,842 00	25,193 65	1,908 00	...	28,361 65	...	...	...
Doddridge.....	13	57	70	3	705 00	11,194 00	1,161 00	16 30	13,194 55	...	...	...
Fayette.....	12	39	51	2	482 00	10,636 00	835 00	...	118 25	...	...	...
Gilmer.....	18	4	19	4	743 00	12,973 00	1,314 00	417 10	12,350 10	...	...	...
Grant.....	35	1	40	76	...	1,633 00	23,225 80	1,205 00	...	14,930 00	...	...
Greenbrier.....	46	1	23	71	5	665 50	20,605 00	549 00	...	26,663 00	...	...
Hampshire.....	19	3	2	22	...	1,425 00	23,675 00	1,265 00	151 00	21,669 50	90	...
Hancock.....	6	30	39	...	1,440 00	14,383 00	1,155 00	...	40 00	17,618 00	...	...
Hardy.....	101	1	6	108	...	3,833 33	57,146 77	1,682 80	...	40 00	...	...
Harrison.....	54	42	96	1	2,065 00	24,013 50	2,924 00	...	134 00	62,912 00	...	...
Jackson.....	10	2	13	8	33 5	1,674 00	14,145 00	1,849 00	...	174 00	17,842 00	35
Kanawha.....	71	2	59	132	...	7,515 00	43,218 50	5,465 50	40 00	635 00	56,864 00	...
Lewis.....	50	1	27	78	1	3,030 00	29,290 00	860 00	...	240 49	33,440 49	...
Lincoln.....	1	87	43	4	458 00	11,672 00	121 00	...	112 00	12,363 00	...	...
Logan.....	1	48	49	2	222 00	6,311 00	240 00	...	...	6,773 00	...	...
Marion.....	90	3	4	97	2	4,040 50	65,015 00	4,690 90	...	255 00	74,910 40	...
Mingo.....	71	1	15	89	3	3,762 00	82,945 00	4,877 00	...	410 00	92,314 00	...
Morgan.....	62	4	34	100	2	1,725 00	30,125 00	200 00	...	24 00	56,021 40	...
Mason.....	20	29	-	2	114 50	640 00	754 00
McDowell.....	56	1	35	7	315 00	4,190 00	U	4,500 00

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TABLE C.—Continued.

SCHOOL HOUSES.		VALUE OF SCHOOL PROPERTY.																																
COUNTY.		Farms.			Hects.			Logs.			Whole number,			Number built this year.			Value of land.			Value of school houses.			Furniture.			Library.			Apparatus.			Total value of school property.		
Mineral		32	5	1,778	28	19,904	20	1,707	98	411 00	74 00	23,454	53	32	1,654	00	53,838	00	32	1,654	00	53,838	00	32	1,654	00	53,838	00	32	1,654	00	53,838	00	
Mongolian		78	3	1,654	00	51,261	00	507	00	31 15	17,478	06	9,620	00	31	15	15,742	36	31	15	15,742	36	31	15	15,742	36	31	15	15,742	36	31	15	15,742	36
Monroe		17	4	894	80	15,488	75	1,113	85	621 50	9,315	25	9,315	25	876	25	9,315	25	876	25	9,315	25	876	25	9,315	25	876	25	9,315	25		
Forgan		6	26	477	50	8,780	00	829	00	621 50	621 50	00	621 50	00	621 50	00	621 50	00	621 50	00	621 50	00	621 50	00	621 50	00	621 50	00	621 50	00		
Licholas		9	41	60	26	1,78	00	9,315	25	.....	621 50	.....	621 50	00	621 50	00	621 50	00	621 50	00	621 50	00	621 50	00	621 50	00	621 50	00	621 50	00		
White		31	1	32	2	2,775	00	30,583	00	.....	621 50	.....	621 50	00	621 50	00	621 50	00	621 50	00	621 50	00	621 50	00	621 50	00	621 50	00	621 50	00		
Penlinton		32	1	35	1	516	00	14,102	60	1,000	30	120 00	120 00	120 00	120 00	120 00	120 00	120 00	120 00	120 00	120 00	120 00	120 00	120 00	120 00	120 00	120 00	120 00						
Leassants		27	13	144	2	622	00	11,255	00	493	00	.....	621 50	.....	621 50	00	621 50	00	621 50	00	621 50	00	621 50	00	621 50	00	621 50	00	621 50	00		
Locohontas		17	2	22	41	1	2	825	00	8,950	00	719	00	.....	621 50	.....	621 50	00	621 50	00	621 50	00	621 50	00	621 50	00	621 50	00	621 50	00		
Weston		111	1	1	1	1	4	2,026	00	61,095	00	1,030	00	195 00	195 00	195 00	195 00	195 00	195 00	195 00	195 00	195 00	195 00	195 00	195 00	195 00	195 00	195 00	195 00					
Quienam		22	1	27	50	3	5	1,155	00	14,615	00	1,020	00	195 00	195 00	195 00	195 00	195 00	195 00	195 00	195 00	195 00	195 00	195 00	195 00	195 00	195 00	195 00	195 00					
Aleight		53	58	58	4	140	50	1,144	00	7,777	00	61,281	28	8 75	8 75	8 75	8 75	8 75	8 75	8 75	8 75	8 75	8 75	8 75	8 75	8 75	8 75	8 75	8 75					
Montgomery		23	42	80	2	823	50	16,325	00	26,103	00	912 00	17 00	.....	621 50	.....	621 50	00	621 50	00	621 50	00	621 50	00	621 50	00	621 50	00	621 50	00		
Hitchie		38	42	80	1	1	5	1,811	00	10,670	00	955	00	.....	621 50	.....	621 50	00	621 50	00	621 50	00	621 50	00	621 50	00	621 50	00	621 50	00		
Lane	G	15	45	60	2	6	318	00	8,703	00	10 00	00	.....	621 50	.....	621 50	00	621 50	00	621 50	00	621 50	00	621 50	00	621 50	00	621 50	00			
unumers		12	29	111	1	11	1	4,740	00	37,000	00	1,305	00	.....	621 50	.....	621 50	00	621 50	00	621 50	00	621 50	00	621 50	00	621 50	00				
Taylor		44	21	1	1	1	1	4,19	00	1,144	00	25,232	00	13 30	13 30	13 30	13 30	13 30	13 30	13 30	13 30	13 30	13 30	13 30	13 30	13 30	13 30	13 30	13 30					
Lubker	D	15	15	4	2	6	3	1,140	00	27,915	00	1,459	00	.....	621 50	.....	621 50	00	621 50	00	621 50	00	621 50	00	621 50	00	621 50	00	621 50	00		
Yer		49	1	8	58	3	2	8	1,140	00	27,915	00	1,459	00	621 50	621 50	00	621 50	00	621 50	00	621 50	00	621 50	00	621 50	00	621 50	00			
Pastur	E	64	2	68	2	6	3	83	00	819	00	B	621 50	621 50	00	621 50	00	621 50	00	621 50	00	621 50	00	621 50	00	621 50	00	621 50	00			
AYno		3	1	10	13	4	2	1,500	00	89,400	00	748 00	28 95	.....	621 50	.....	621 50	00	621 50	00	621 50	00	621 50	00	621 50	00	621 50	00	621 50	00		
Elster		42	13	55	2	2	876	25	18,620	20	1,102	00	447 00	447 00	447 00	447 00	447 00	447 00	447 00	447 00	447 00	447 00	447 00	447 00	447 00	447 00	447 00	447 00	447 00					
etzel		28	6	94	2	4	19,756	10	47,490	00	5,073	00	233 00	233 00	233 00	233 00	233 00	233 00	233 00	233 00	233 00	233 00	233 00	233 00	233 00	233 00	233 00	233 00	233 00					
First		95	8	106	8	8	3,960	91	3,960	91	125 60	60 00	1,000	00	1,000	00	1,000	00	1,000	00	1,000	00	1,000	00	1,000	00	1,000	00	1,000	00				
Coool		3	42	44	8	7	51,500	00	169,668	95	14,570	74	200,000	00	20,000	00	20,000	00	20,000	00	20,000	00	20,000	00	20,000	00	20,000	00	20,000	00				
Joining		2	42	44	8	6	10,000	00	10,000	00	2,000	00	200,000	00	20,000	00	20,000	00	20,000	00	20,000	00	20,000	00	20,000	00	20,000	00	20,000	00				
City of Wheeling		1	4	8	4	3	10,000	00	10,000	00	2,000	00	200,000	00	20,000	00	20,000	00	20,000	00	20,000	00	20,000	00	20,000	00	20,000	00	20,000	00				
City of Martinsburg		1	4	8	4	3	10,000	00	10,000	00	2,000	00	200,000	00	20,000	00	20,000	00	20,000	00	20,000	00	20,000	00	20,000	00	20,000	00	20,000	00				
Grand Total of all the Counties		1,758	11	79	1,284	3,127	53	1,157,721	66	\$1,419,684	20	\$74,725	68	\$845	30	\$74,725	68	\$845	30	\$74,725	68	\$845	30	\$74,725	68	\$845	30	\$74,725	68					
Grand Total of all the Cities		1,758	11	79	1,284	3,127	53	\$1,419,684	20	\$74,725	68	\$845	30	\$74,725	68	\$845	30	\$74,725	68	\$845	30	\$74,725	68	\$845	30	\$74,725	68	\$845	30					

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TABLE D.
Enrolment of Youth between the ages of six and twenty-one, and number attending School.

COUNTY.	WHITE.			COLORED.			TOTAL.			NUMBER ATTENDING SCHOOL.			DAILY AVERAGE ATTENDANCE.							
													WHITE.			COLORED.				
	Males.	Females.	Total.	Males.	Females.	Total.	Males.	Females.	Total.	Males.	Females.	Total.	Males.	Females.	Total.	Males.	Females.	Total.		
Parke.	1,951	1,838	3,789	94	77	2,055	3,849	171	4,026	1,631	2,923	50	46	54	3,021	1,061	805	1,866		
Berkeley.	1,695	1,337	3,032	172	148	1,737	1,483	220	3,232	1,137	1,960	143	96	130	2,236	645	482	1,127		
Washington.	960	919	1,879	8	8	959	927	1,993	17	1,966	637	1,455	12	11	1,457	344	282	626		
Braxton.	1,520	1,385	2,905	21	18	1,554	1,465	2,917	32	2,939	1,100	914	2014	12	23	2,637	677	536	1,275	
Greenbrier.	984	1,035	1,999	15	17	1,999	1,062	2,051	32	2,061	741	1,000	2,047	15	17	32	1,389	669	495	1,290
Cole.	1,884	1,671	3,555	63	58	1,947	1,729	3,355	121	3,676	1,218	3,524	79	72	1,251	768	631	1,371	38	
Calhoun.	873	827	1,700	827	735	1,496	1,046	1,466	297	578	501	1,079	385	381	1,079	334	301	635		
Clay.	384	482	866	561	482	1,046	1,046	1,046	297	682	682	1,079	385	381	1,079	334	301	635		
Deedridge.	1,717	1,548	3,265	4	5	1,721	1,613	825	9	3,234	1,346	1,688	2,434	827	760	1,494	516	494	1,494	
Fayette.	1,543	1,328	2,871	40	31	1,508	1,269	2,887	80	2,957	1,204	1,653	2,157	769	603	1,302	516	494	1,494	
Gilmer.	1,135	1,075	2,210	1,135	1,075	2,215	1,075	2,215	789	611	1,460	1,460	581	581	581	1,061	581	581	1,061	
Grant.	823	711	1,534	36	36	1,568	1,568	1,568	114	1,688	610	1,008	36	46	82	1,090	36	1,090	36	
Greenbrier.	1,800	1,670	3,252	218	218	3,482	1,882	3,470	3,540	1,272	1,033	2,816	180	21	251	2,556	785	618	1,552	
Hanover.	1,440	1,313	2,753	89	1,518	1,981	1,428	2,783	182	2,966	1,146	911	29	59	21,116	734	579	1,313	22	
Hancock.	911	779	1,690	2	1	813	780	1,990	3	1,503	582	617	1,009	34	1,099	401	873	774	1,774	
Hardy.	951	642	1,593	97	167	1,617	689	1,793	23	1,996	477	361	62	15	953	296	534	44	84	
Harrison.	3,317	3,162	6,479	132	132	3,454	3,295	6,479	270	6,749	2,525	2,121	4,656	65	58	123	4,773	1,673	3,176	618
Jackson.	2,694	2,494	5,188	26	19	2,720	2,425	5,094	45	5,143	2,631	1,734	3,785	11	3	14	8,789	1,202	9,280	7
Jefferson.	1,735	1,470	3,205	103	103	2,247	1,834	1,996	4,610	908	683	1,591	345	365	610	2,201	840	720	1,716	
Kanawha.	4,619	4,189	8,608	463	463	4,630	4,144	8,638	886	4,724	2,948	2,523	5,671	202	242	444	6,116	1,584	3,747	149
Lewis.	2,130	1,837	3,967	26	36	2,156	1,873	3,967	62	4,629	1,632	1,942	2,904	11	9	20	2,924	1,699	810	1,909
Lincoln.	1,325	1,273	2,598	6	5	1,321	1,278	2,598	11	2,604	925	889	1,894	1	1	1,894	656	656	1,315	
Logan.	1,065	1,179	2,244	21	7	1,186	1,704	2,456	28	2,864	926	891	1,894	1	1	1,894	612	612	2,972	
Marion.	3,136	2,961	6,097	19	29	3,155	2,824	5,537	42	4,597	2,502	1,586	4,528	12	16	2,055	1,649	1,202	9	
Mason.	3,109	2,901	5,910	7	8	3,122	2,901	5,910	6,013	20	6,025	2,404	2,106	4,570	9	12	2,051	1,649	1,202	9
Morgan.	452	440	892	482	440	892	482	892	206	7,269	2,418	2,124	4,532	44	38	4,624	1,712	1,488	3,196	
Mercer.	1,155	1,059	2,212	49	49	2,124	1,081	2,214	106	2,380	717	1,515	8	7	1,530	461	451	1,530	883	
McDowell.	1,211	1,063	2,274	61	49	1,272	1,112	2,274	110	2,384	606	504	1,110	91	90	60	1,170	454	379	51
Mineral.	1,211	1,063	2,274	61	49	1,272	1,112	2,274	110	2,384	606	504	1,110	91	90	60	1,170	454	379	51

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TABLE D—Continued.

COUNTY.	NUMBER ATTENDING SCHOOL.						DAILY AVERAGE ATTENDANCE.						
	WHITE.			COLORED.			WHITE.			COLORED.			
	Male.	Female.	Total.	Male.	Female.	Total.	Male.	Female.	Total.	Male.	Female.	Total.	
Monongalia.....	2,644	26	2,670	2,099	5017	72	3089	2081	3770	18	10	28	
Monroe.....	1,714	1447	1,828	119	1842	1565	3161	247	1671	78	60	138	
Morgan.....	848	723	921	26	1016	749	1016	4508	975	406	1064	1513	
Nicholas.....	1,143	1,087	1,160	11	6	1169	1042	2165	1625	1084	10	21	
Ohio.....	1,922	1,081	1,113	12	8	1104	1089	2173	20	2193	630	1625	
Pendleton.....	1,304	1195	1,316	12	16	1316	1211	2498	28	2527	965	1335	
Pleasants.....	816	811	2	1	918	812	1727	3	1730	647	359	1006	
Pocahontas.....	791	748	54	38	845	781	1334	92	1628	432	432	1006	
Preston.....	8,290	2851	229	28	3219	2004	6081	52	6133	2117	1957	4071	
Putnam.....	1,075	1481	73	66	1718	1547	3156	139	3216	137	1007	2144	
Raleigh.....	1,186	1,135	2	1	1197	1137	2321	13	2964	889	738	1026	
Randolph.....	1,220	1,112	14	11	1234	1123	2332	25	2657	986	754	1600	
Ritchie....	2,123	1851	7	3	1854	3074	3194	10	3184	1382	1205	2587	
Ross.....	1,703	1576	11	7	1714	1583	3279	18	3297	1133	900	2033	
Summers.....	1,107	947	79	87	1150	1034	2054	165	2220	814	633	1447	
Taylor.....	1,787	1579	71	64	1650	3486	145	1579	831	1221	1073	2284	
Tucker.....	B	472	327	6	473	432	849	7	906	473	325	474	
Tyler.....	1,882	1603	3	2	1845	1816	3085	5	3680	1348	1126	2420	
Upshur.....	1,612	1885	30	32	1642	1617	8197	62	3259	1276	1154	2430	
Wayne.....	D	2,623	1870	25	20	2045	1840	3883	45	3328	1370	1086	2436
Weber.....	A	402	429	.....	462	429	891	.....	891	205	244	560
Wetzel.....	1,687	1614	.....	.....	1687	1614	3301	.....	3301	1612	1348	2820
Wir.....	1,073	1006	1	3	1078	1019	1	3	2083	685	1351	1351	
Wood.....	3,930	3617	130	127	4050	5744	7517	267	7774	2387	2126	4515	
Wyoming.....	A	4731	4886	98	91	4824	4677	9317	184	496	866	369	
City of Wheeling.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2694	4900	99
City of Martinsburg.....	A	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	453	496	949
Total.....	27,688	35,651	35,651	30,650	9,650	9,650	9,650	9,650	9,650	37,111	17,930	11,601	
										55,832	54,466	12,083	
										41,926	28,186	7,227	
										10,121	11,156	1,610	
										1,610	21,166	7,227	



TABLE E.

Sub-Districts, Schools, and Number and Grade of Certificates.

COUNTY.	DISTRICTS.		SCHOOLS.		EXAMINATION AND GRADE OF CERTIFICATE.					
	Number of Districts.	Number of Sub-Dist's.			No. 1.	No. 2.	No. 3.	No. 4.	No. 5.	Number Granted.
			Common.	High.	Graded.					
Barbour.....	8	78	78	78	37	31	10	6	2	86
Berkeley.....	6	49	49	49	22	17	4	4	4	61
Boone.....	5	38	44	44	22	7	7	4	36	36
Braxton.....	6	68	67	67	24	18	21	7	4	74
Brooke.....	3	26	2	24	26	26	8	3	37	5
Cabell.....	7	52	2	62	64	17	36	10	4	67
Calhoun.....	5	35	36	36	14	7	10	1	31	1
Clay.....	4	25	28	28	15	7	4	1	29	29
Doddridge.....	8	65	1	65	66	6	19	32	22	48
Fayette.....	5	76	77	77	15	26	26	5	72	72
Gilmer.....	5	58	56	56	28	14	4	5	1	52
Grant.....	3	41	1	42	43	8	11	19	4	42
Greenbrier.....	9	72	1	82	83	35	28	17	9	90
Hampshire.....	7	63	71	71	8	23	18	19	7	75
Hancock.....	4	22	5	23	28	22	17	1	40	40
Hardy.....	4	15	33	33	1	3	28	3	1	36
Harrison.....	13	104	4	109	113	41	62	27	5	135
Jackson.....	7	76	2	93	95	31	45	31	5	120
Jefferson.....	7	27	1	42	42	31	15	7	4	57
Kanawha.....	12	133	1	135	136	56	50	14	4	125
Lewis.....	6	79	1	80	81	22	36	20	5	85
Lincoln.....	8	55	55	55	5	21	11	4	1	42
Logan.....	5	62	46	46	11	13	13	3	1	41
Marion.....	8	93	5	92	97	13	74	25	4	116
Marshall.C.....	10	89	3	87	90	29	33	3	3	65
Mason.....	12	100	6	94	100	13	39	22	8	85
McDowell.B.....	3	13	20	20	4	12	5	2	23	46
Mercer.....	5	51	57	57	27	23	3	3	53	53
Mineral.....	6	32	2	29	31	4	17	9	3	33
Monongalia.....	8	77	1	78	79	12	88	6	1	101
Monroe.....	6	66	1	74	75	30	28	11	2	72
Morgan.....	6	29	2	28	30	11	15	9	5	40
Nicholas.....	6	52	52	52	12	22	13	3	5	50
Ohio.....	6	32	1	31	32	12	10	1	23	23
Pendleton.....	6	63	67	67	11	17	31	9	1	69
Pleasants.....	6	29	1	28	29	3	19	16	6	24
Pocahontas.....	4	35	42	42	16	17	5	1	1	39
Preston.....	9	113	2	111	113	86	73	12	1	121
Putnam.....	7	53	2	53	55	10	44	14	1	69
Raleigh.....	7	60	65	65	22	8	19	16	2	67
Randolph.....	9	56	1	55	56	15	25	19	4	64
Ritchie.....	5	87	1	86	87	26	44	31	13	116
Roane.C.....	8	78	78	78	4	34	30	7	7	75
Summers.....	5	58	66	66	7	18	20	13	1	59
Taylor.....	7	44	4	45	49	21	21	11	4	59
Tucker.....	5	25	28	28	1	10	7	1	23	23
Tyler.....	6	61	1	60	61	9	17	42	6	33
Upshur.....	6	67	2	66	68	17	22	29	18	44
Wayne.A.....	6	74	1	71	72	13	24	22	11	55
Webster.....	3	12	26	26	11	2	6	4	4	27
Wetzel.....	6	78	78	78	20	55	8	1	64	64
Wirt.....	9	35	1	36	38	16	23	6	1	52
Wood.....	11	99	1	111	61	49	16	4	12	132
Wyoming.....	6	36	46	46	5	10	17	13	3	48
City of Wheeling.....	1	7	7	14	14	14	14	1	1	14
City of Martinsburg.....	1	1	1	5	6	14	4	1	1	19
Total.....	356	8,124	5	67	32,69	33,41	992	1,406	816	2,831

TABLE F.

Number of Teachers and Number of Months Taught.

COUNTY.	TEACHERS.						MONTHS TAUGHT.					
	WHITE.			COLORED.			BY WHITE.			BY COLORED.		
	Male.	Female.	Total.	Male.	Female.	Total.	Male.	Female.	Total.	Male.	Female.	Total.
Barbour.....	67	10	77	1	4	5	79	296	37	303	4	35
Berkeley.....	38	11	49	4	3	7	65	289	80	369	22	42
Boone.....	39	10	49	4	3	7	49	117	29	146	146	30
Braxton.....	62	11	73	.....	.....	.....	73	222	45	267	267	346
Brooks.....	78	15	93	.....	.....	.....	33	118	104	220	222	632
Cabell.....	42	20	62	2	2	2	64	187	104	291	12	303
Calhoun.....	29	8	37	.....	.....	.....	89	21	110	110	110	340
Clay.....	25	5	30	.....	.....	.....	90	87	15	102	102	260
Doddridge.....	46	22	68	.....	.....	.....	68	173	67	240	240	382
Fayette.....	67	15	82	.....	.....	.....	82	254	35	297	297	507
Gilmer.....	41	15	56	.....	.....	.....	66	139	34	173	173	360
Grant.....	37	6	43	2	2	2	45	144	20	170	170	373
Greenbrier.....	71	8	79	8	1	9	88	298	32	330	30	38
Hampshire.....	59	12	71	2	2	2	73	234	46	280	9	289
Hancock.....	18	11	29	.....	.....	.....	29	112	67	179	179	617
Hardy.....	26	9	35	2	1	3	38	99	36	155	8	147
Harrison.....	100	30	130	2	1	3	133	424	134	658	12	724
Jackson.....	73	29	99	1	1	1	100	305	107	412	4	416
Kanawha.....	24	9	33	11	11	22	44	194	96	290	88	378
Lewis.....	113	33	146	1	3	4	14	160	537	635	66	74
Lincoln.....	43	9	62	1	1	2	57	289	83	363	8	371
Logan.....	40	5	45	.....	.....	.....	32	102	34	136	136	375
Marion.....	82	20	108	.....	.....	.....	115	115	10	125	125	278
Marshall D.....	65	32	98	.....	.....	.....	168	346	130	475	475	443
Mason.....	87	42	129	3	1	4	133	375	228	603	13	619
McDowell B.....	20	20	40	3	1	4	29	41	41	41	3	194
Mercer.....	48	191	3	330

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TABLE F.—Continued.
Number of Teachers and Number of Months Taught.

TABLE G.

Age of Pupils, Number Studying, Number of District Officers, and Visits from Officers.

COUNTY.	NUMBER OF PUPILS STUDYING.										OFFICERS.	VISITS.						
	Male.	Female.	Gen. Average	PUPILS.	Reading.	Writing.	Orthography.	Aritthmete.	Geography.	Histery.	Algebra.	German.	Other Branches.	Secretaries.	Counties' Officers.	Supervised districts.	Total.	
Barbour.....	11.09	11.00	11.00	2,462	1,846	1,278	905	328	340	122	71	8	20	78	78	183	261	
Berkeley.....	11.41	9.75	10.38	1,468	1,323	1,237	1,065	796	724	206	60	79	6	18	49	71	101	172
Boone.....	11.20	10.80	11.00	640	450	406	212	54	80	15	11	11	10	10	35	39	58	97
Braxton.....	11.77	11.57	11.67	1,805	1,287	852	638	201	215	67	14	6	18	68	61	226	287	
Brooke.....	10.78	10.78	10.78	1,251	1,208	748	1,014	702	530	155	84	3	9	26	40	82	122	
Cabell.....	11.60	11.40	11.50	2,669	2,667	413	194	81	25	4	5	5	25	62	104	189	293	
Calhoun.....	11.95	11.90	11.95	1,076	849	349	300	138	116	38	5	5	15	36	57	97	116	
Clay.....	12.50	11.50	12.00	935	105	315	920	75	65	15	4	4	12	25	20	26	46	
Doddridge.....	12.00	11.00	11.30	2,427	1,935	1,564	1,265	492	404	57	4	8	24	58	63	118	188	
Fayette.....	11.90	11.26	11.60	1,635	1,496	1,065	942	433	376	112	1	6	15	76	63	225	298	
Gilmer.....	10.00	10.00	10.00	1,209	1,058	744	529	158	185	10	18	4	15	58	78	124	126	
Grant.....	10.50	10.50	10.50	876	752	610	491	163	70	41	10	38	5	15	41	40	151	
Greenbrier.....	10.40	10.80	10.60	1,932	1,730	1,411	1,289	505	302	82	1	103	9	27	72	44	256	
Hanover.....	10.90	9.60	10.30	1,922	1,498	1,326	964	298	239	92	49	7	21	63	33	153	186	
Hancock.....	12.00	10.00	11.00	1,626	986	933	809	215	927	47	26	86	4	12	22	75	304	473
Hardy.....	12.00	11.75	11.88	A.....	4,913	3,207	2,872	1,660	1,176	301	149	105	13	39	104	40	52	92
Harrison.....	11.00	11.00	11.00	11.00	4,388	3,207	2,872	1,660	1,176	301	149	105	13	39	104	18	487	505
Jackson.....	11.30	10.20	10.75	3,127	2,483	1,682	1,337	429	427	75	17	7	21	27	41	76	117	
Jefferson.....	11.21	9.77	10.58	1,713	1,466	1,278	1,099	548	256	184	179	7	21	27	41	578	657	
Kanawha.....	10.95	10.50	10.50	10,132	4,213	3,239	2,545	2,275	1,079	664	246	2	99	12	39	133	150	
Lewis.....	12.33	11.50	11.91	2,638	2,168	1,538	1,947	401	475	239	65	1	20	6	20	79	89	
Lincoln.....	11.80	10.70	11.00	A.....	266	186	154	58	53	9	2	2	8	24	56	62	128	180
Logan.....	12.00	12.00	12.00	4,277	3,654	2,563	1,965	827	582	183	8	135	8	24	62	84	210	
Marion.....	11.40	11.10	11.30	11.34	3,825	2,882	2,315	967	697	58	60	77	10	39	110	294	404	
Marshall.....	11.63	10.87	10.75	10.25	4,141	3,362	2,373	1,660	865	695	16	46	12	36	89	9	616	625
Mason.....	11.60	11.33	11.60	244	203	123	72	18	25	25	9	9	9	13	46	80	174	
McDowell.....	13.81	12.35	12.96	949	630	791	568	182	227	52	25	6	5	15	51	66	116	
Meeker.....	11.20	11.13	11.66	A.....	841	681	388	411	175	6	30	6	18	82	34	76	110	
Mineral.....																		

FREE SCHOOLS.

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TABLE G—Continued.

COUNTY.	AVERAGE AGE OF PUPILS.	NUMBER OF PUPILS STUDYING.										OFFICERS.	VISITS.					
		Male.	Female.	Gen. Average	Reading.	Writing.	Orthography.	Geography.	Biology.	History.	Algebra.			Comm. Office.	Trustees.	By Others.	Total.	
Monongalia.....	12.00	11.50	3.081	2.783	2.097	1.875	976	762	724	44	183	8	26	77	83	447	447	
Monroe.....	10.70	10.89	11.15	882	825	713	883	119	80	24	1	1	6	18	66	126	864	864
Morgan.....	11.10	10.90	11.20	1.441	1.192	702	436	126	182	25	1	1	6	18	29	54	112	288
Nicholas.....	11.20	10.80	10.90	10.00	10.10	1.212	1.435	905	846	473	218	72	5	15	52	42	136	147
Ohio.....	10.20	10.00	11.40	11.85	11.35	12.00	897	752	774	44	53	- 10	23	6	18	48	279	327
Pendleton.....	11.30	11.40	11.50	1.752	1.752	1.752	1.752	1.752	1.752	1.752	1.752	1.752	1.752	1.752	1.752	1.752	1.752	1.752
Pleasanton.....	11.00	12.00	11.43	1.985	1.743	1.623	1.623	1.623	1.623	1.623	1.623	1.623	1.623	1.623	1.623	1.623	1.623	1.623
Pocahontas.....	11.46	11.42	11.43	1.877	1.752	1.752	1.752	1.752	1.752	1.752	1.752	1.752	1.752	1.752	1.752	1.752	1.752	1.752
Putnam.....	12.47	11.88	12.17	4.771	3.981	3.113	2.009	1.506	1.114	334	126	38	28	4	12	113	528	616
Randolph.....	12.00	10.00	11.00	1.885	1.450	1.808	1.758	1.331	1.176	276	130	29	40	7	21	53	70	183
Raleigh.....	12.00	11.40	11.70	1.153	1.153	1.153	1.153	1.153	1.153	1.153	1.153	1.153	1.153	1.153	1.153	1.153	1.153	1.153
Randolph.....	12.64	10.95	11.65	1.624	1.453	1.453	1.453	1.453	1.453	1.453	1.453	1.453	1.453	1.453	1.453	1.453	1.453	1.453
Ritchie.....	12.30	11.20	11.75	2.515	2.153	1.144	1.144	1.144	1.144	1.144	1.144	1.144	1.144	1.144	1.144	1.144	1.144	1.144
Roane.....	12.00	12.00	12.00	1.880	1.820	1.820	1.820	1.820	1.820	1.820	1.820	1.820	1.820	1.820	1.820	1.820	1.820	1.820
Summers.....	12.16	11.66	11.91	1.083	9.14	9.14	9.14	9.14	9.14	9.14	9.14	9.14	9.14	9.14	9.14	9.14	9.14	9.14
Taylor.....	12.14	10.14	11.14	1.484	1.388	1.225	1.079	1.079	1.079	1.079	1.079	1.079	1.079	1.079	1.079	1.079	1.079	1.079
Tucker.....	15.00	11.66	13.33	1.731	1.622	1.518	1.236	1.40	1.40	52	3	1	1	1	1	1	25	33
Tyler.....	12.00	11.33	11.66	A.....	1.057	1.311	1.055	1.055	1.055	1.055	1.055	1.055	1.055	1.055	1.055	1.055	1.055	1.055
Upshur.....	11.60	11.10	11.39	2.331	1.197	1.197	1.197	1.197	1.197	1.197	1.197	1.197	1.197	1.197	1.197	1.197	1.197	1.197
Wayne.....	14.00	14.00	14.00	1.192	1.192	1.192	1.192	1.192	1.192	1.192	1.192	1.192	1.192	1.192	1.192	1.192	1.192	1.192
Webster.....	11.33	12.00	11.96	A.....	1.797	1.797	1.797	1.797	1.797	1.797	1.797	1.797	1.797	1.797	1.797	1.797	1.797	1.797
Wetzel.....	13.00	10.38	11.66	2.463	1.797	1.797	1.797	1.797	1.797	1.797	1.797	1.797	1.797	1.797	1.797	1.797	1.797	1.797
Wirt.....	12.00	11.00	11.50	1.234	1.053	1.053	1.053	1.053	1.053	1.053	1.053	1.053	1.053	1.053	1.053	1.053	1.053	1.053
Wood.....	10.00	10.00	10.00	A.....	4.326	3.374	3.288	2.649	2.649	2.649	1.764	1.361	1.422	1.065	1.065	1.065	1.065	1.065
Youngling.....	9.26	9.24	9.25	5.167	4.619	4.653	1.723	1.692	1.692	1.692	1.692	1.692	1.692	1.692	1.692	1.692	1.692	1.692
City of Wheeling.....	11.00	12.00	11.00	3.942	621	621	216	216	216	216	216	216	216	216	216	216	216	216
City of Martinsburg.....	11.69	11.01	11.32	95.473	79.569	60.487	47.385	23.891	17.840	5.808	1.174	865	3.508	3.508	3.508	3.508	3.508	3.508
Total.....	11.69	11.01	11.32	95.473	79.569	60.487	47.385	23.891	17.840	5.808	1.174	865	3.508	3.508	3.508	3.508	3.508	3.508

TABLE

*Amount of District Levies; Amount of Delinquent Lists; Total Receipts
Cost per*

COUNTY.	DISTRICT LEVIES.			DELINQUENT LISTS.			Total receipts for all purposes including balance on hand and State school fund at be- ginning of school year.
	Number of cents for Building Fund.	Number of cents for Teachers' Fund.	Amount levied for Building Fund.	Amount levied for Teachers' Fund.	Amount of delinquent list returned for build- ing fund.	Amount of delinquent list returned for teach- ers' fund.	
Barbour.....	25.6	23.7	\$4,680 05	\$1,930 26	\$ 50 97	\$ 44 49	\$16,274 79
Berkley.....	6.2	21.8	2,782 39	9,099 62	55 04	69 10	21,367 43
Boone.....	12.4	50.0	5.9 46	2,814 77	43 27	149 09	8,886 52
Braxton.....	36.7	25.0	7,83 93	5,221 82	3,153 34	2,816 80	12,104 46
Brooke.....	8.7	23.7	2,659 95	6,988 26	52 32	231 01	15,113 63
Cabell.....	18.7	24.5	6,853 71	7,339 60	793 42	1,026 61	20,723 84
Caihoun.....	36.0	45.0	2,013 28	2,827 09	349 05	447 98	7,833 76
Clay.....	28.8	35.0	1,554 23	1,544 03	696 88	636 58	8,026 92
Doddridge.....	23.7	35.0	4,311 57	6,351 21	238 18	254 66	24,493 14
Fayette.....	17.0	38.0	2,761 16	7,217 40	601 91	2,338 87	16,057 55
Gilmer.....	26.0	42.0	2,590 53	4,005 13	325 26	482 37	9,602 36
Grant.....	9.17	17.3	2,165 25	3,185 89	27 69	54 29	9,954 08
Greenbrier.....	13.5	25.0	4,989 56	10,120 72	36 65	92 77	20,700 33
Hampshire.....	9.3	28.3	2,512 08	5,985 49	15 61	79 41	13,625 66
Hancock.....	14.4	28.9	2,987 06	5,391 77	21 62	62 06	11,217 50
Hardy.....	5.0	13.3	832 57	2,411 04	3 92	11 27	6,758 88
Harrison.....	10.2	17.5	7,435 65	15,135 31	94 60	167 21	38,198 09
Jackson.....	21.0	24.3	6,166 71	6,989 69	163 58	218 85	21,469 14
Jefferson.....	11.5	23.1	5,588 56	9,346 65	80 11	152 86	23,014 84
Kanawha.....	21.5	34.8	8,570 77	19,190 39	2,141 09	2,815 46	55,018 47
Lewis.....	21.6	24.3	5,164 77	6,752 31	.....	.....	19,574 16
Lincoln.....	27.5	45.4	2,543 25	5,483 32	479 94	1,252 15	11,853 14
Logan.....	22.5	35.0	1,289 07	2,145 12	.....	.....	7,112 57
Martin.....	15.6	18.0	8,184 01	6,476 81	72 11	87 98	29,441 42
Marshall.....	27.5	27.2	9,989 24	10,240 20	81 84	42 51	40,954 79
Mason.....	19.0	27.6	9,511 54	15,612 67	163 62	349 78	38,884 06
McDowell.....	18.3	24.6	511 77	1,093 16	281 83	743 69	.....
Mercer.....	22.4	37.0	1,343 61	2,256 21	.....	.....	6,172 12
Mineral.....	20.1	15.9	5,615 82	4,243 95	136 17	168 35	17,762 46
Monongalia.....	5.9	15.7	2,810 35	7,862 05	14 41	19 07	18,164 37
Monteagle.....	23.0	26.0	5,515 29	16,179 63	14 90	145 54	20,748 04
Morgan.....	21.5	31.3	4,825 26	4,876 37	1,927 98	1,709 88	11,296 45
Nicholas.....	26.7	31.7	2,401 28	3,003 24	395 15	881 16	8,711 04
Ohio.....	12.0	24.2	4,000 85	7,923 74	9 71	27 41	16,727 70
Pendleton.....	10.8	28.7	2,950 60	5,437 01	4 99	8 20	10,567 62
Pleasants.....	24.4	29.0	2,391 48	2,544 05	56 64	38 61	9,339 94
Pocahontas.....	11.0	15.3	1,884 72	2,439 77	59 16	60 95	7,448 50
Preston.....	29.2	35.0	7,061 29	10,177 54	89 70	92 79	26,347 25
Putnam.....	22.0	32.0	4,120 67	5,724 94	63 09	92 12	16,678 61
Raleigh.....	26.7	37.4	2,339 83	2,833 63	263 49	479 56	8,964 45
Randolph.....	30.0	35.0	4,075 19	6,610 32	2,319 75	2,919 12	12,750 19
Ritchie.....	37.0	41.0	7,376 04	8,560 23	617 23	738 15	24,951 56
Roane.....	32.2	50.0	2,421 13	3,994 62	161 86	256 23	9,274 38
Summers.....	29.0	31.4	2,235 31	2,547 31	82 75	117 78	8,189 29
Taylor.....	15.9	20.0	6,416 26	8,981 99	1,663 14	2,865 32	17,770 04
Tucker.....	30.6	30.0	1,105 31	1,599 15	1,561 78	25 06	5,900 78
Tyler.....	17.6	20.0	1,904 28	3,687 12	19 28	32 91	14,422 98
Upshur.....	16.1	27.5	3,495 83	5,934 15	504 32	625 36	15,472 45
Wayne.....	15.0	37.5	1,879 00	4,688 00	.....	.....	12,123 00
Webster.....	25.0	25.0	1,555 83	1,298 88	1,359 23	1,132 69	1,898 77
Wetzel.....	30.0	35.0	6,089 42	5,197 54	77 14	84 27	21,444 50
Wirt.....	26.5	40.0	2,880 37	4,358 86	351 05	470 71	11,962 74
Wood.....	24.2	29.8	14,468 60	23,508 75	851 16	1,176 34	52,978 46
Wyoming.....	26.6	37.5	1,626 20	2,203 33	345 14	606 28	4,420 14
City of Wheeling.....	15.0	25.0	21,633 23	36,063 72	670 30	1,117 08	98,783 89
City of Martinsburg.....	20.0	50.0	2,267 42	8,199 68	81 80	327 20	23,068 26
Total.....	19.9	29.7	\$244,192 04	\$380,184 98	\$22,163 36	\$30,861 13	\$1,000,983 18

H.

and Expenditures; Balance on Hand; Apportionment and Average Pupil.

GENERAL SUMMARY.

Total amount expended of building fund.	Total amount expended of teachers' fund.	Balance on hand of building fund.	Balance on hand of teachers' fund.	Amount unaccounted for.	Amount accounted for in excess of receipts.	Amount of teachers' fund apportioned to whites.	Amount of teachers' fund apportioned to colored.	Average cost per pupil for all purposes based on daily average attendance.
\$ 2,941 96	\$ 9,964 65	\$ 2,392 71	\$ 975 56	09	\$ 9,874 13	\$ 377 00		5.72
3,691 03	13,611 18	1,096 73	2,422 59	\$ 545 90	15,781 38	1,680 00		7.82
1,060 80	8,451 74	291 66	956 34	2,925 98	3,634 95	95 81		6.03
5,007 11	6,675 50	173 54	775 18		226 87	7,143 42	170 24	5.22
3,745 60	9,179 78	547 39	1,401 96	\$ 238 90	10,841 93	220 00		9.28
6,519 08	11,848 61	730 62	1,959 62		333 49	9,665 84	394 14	12.89
1,744 90	3,734 59	443 82	1,496 88	411 57		5,099 47		5.65
1,368 76	2,884 93	1,198 63	1,215 11	1,363 49				9.00
2,792 97	6,704 00	1,426 40	2,967 02	602 74	10,811 88	10 00		[5.38]
2,048 59	9,558 41	1,799 31	2,933 08		281 84	12,158 88	60 49	7.15
1,911 66	5,437 23	743 21	1,425 28	1,084 98		5,147 23		5.26
2,050 37	5,487 01	981 51	722 83		186 49	5,177 26	262 50	10.80
3,203 79	11,757 64	2,088 41	2,903 84	746 65		10,272 64	1,206 00	6.09
3,799 27	9,092 87	105 88	858 58		225 89	8,822 87	270 00	9.89
3,003 17	7,346 76	182 04	685 52		01	7,346 76		9.26
1,156 04	4,058 13	516 99	744 72	278 00		3,644 13	414 00	6.53
8,317 24	22,743 61	2,282 57	4,850 67	3 00		22,067 61	676 00	8.35
4,695 21	13,982 00	1,929 16	1,782 14		919 37	14,788 97	100 00	5.43
6,029 88	14,881 84	833 15	1,191 42	28 55		14,409 96	4,737 90	11.13
10,498 03	32,190 73	4,730 33	4,430 25	3,162 13		30,319 48	3,115 72	8.07
4,515 45	12,549 49	2,020 80	920 21		481 80			6.43
1,618 34	6,415 90	1,014 00	2,277 92		472 42	7,421 44		4.78
829 99	3,739 53	801 57	1,839 38		97 90	5,247 71	47 16	6.92
8,190 68	16,309 30	1,975 28	2,462 75	1,495 59		15,894 30	225 00	5.65
16,895 88	18,132 15	901 04	4,655 11			18,132 15	40 00	11.74
7,236 77	23,403 23	2,214 35	6,029 71			28,540 93	590 90	9.35
307 86	11,015 21					1,109 83		
1,072 07	4,320 19	659 25	333 27		212 66			4.86
5,366 58	7,191 77	3,818 79	1,991 94		107 62	1,448 02	173 91	8.13
*2,879 71	13,261 96	570 49	1,627 70		175 49	15,026 52	200 00	5.27
6,425 09	12,633 35	364 39	137 00	1,188 21		12,120 16	864 33	7.15
1,687 29	4,508 08	3,764 77	1,085 11	306 20		5,480 36	214 83	8.60
1,782 82	5,255 52	A 1,008 24	B 664 46			2,058 19	21 06	6.81
3,766 94	9,888 00	1,283 14	2,065 14	295 52		11,699 49	78 65	12.84
1,794 69	7,445 25	324 22	1,003 46			8,448 76		6.07
2,172 76	4,390 15	980 79	1,453 32	342 92		6,155 91		7.76
1,464 64	4,249 00	520 76	1,856 26		107 16	5,162 58	293 48	8.78
7,728 80	16,552 77	1,122 43	1,250 98		307 73	16,332 77	220 00	7.77
4,030 90	8,996 30	799 12	2,995 08		142 79	9,139 17	350 81	8.58
2,309 43	4,889 53	934 75	720 77	109 97		6,293 75		4.77
3,216 46	7,194 88	1,114 88	1,464 05		240 08			6.74
4,677 02	12,648 17	3,172 02	3,981 66	472 69				5.95
2,366 29	5,788 24	177 97	165 15			5,923 89	15 00	5.58
2,325 49	5,561 00	513 13	283 98		494 17	4,834 84	397 25	4.66
3,868 26	10,065 33	1,253 91	2,631 87		49 33	9,300 65	390 00	8.34
1,129 30	3,097 00	1,219 63	1,846 64					
2,795 57	7,981 76	555 60	1,877 38	1,213 67		11,210 60	7 41	5.15
3,746 06	10,044 39	621 52	1,108 09		47 61	10,162 48	206 03	6.26
1,111 00	4,023 00			6,989 00				
216 53	1,307 50			374 74		1,227 10		5.26
4,057 19	10,028 57	2,184 92	5,274 97		101 15	10,141 81		7.00
3,518 05	5,499 59	282 38	2,306 98	360 76		2,306 98	7,806 55	10.40
F 12,427 79	26,667 63	4,661 80	9,221 24			25,142 63	1,225 00	7.97
1,339 20	3,383 85				302 81			C 18.33
47,506 17	42,390 89	G	7,017 34					18.60
13,367 29	7,816 91			1,884 04				18.60
\$264,165 44	\$550,180 41	\$64,669 62	106,997 80	\$26,129 69	\$6,868 61	\$461,361 48	\$27,159 27	7.72

TABLE I.

Showing the Apportionment of State School Fund for the School Years commencing September 1, 1875, and September 1, 1876, the Enumeration of Youths for the same years, and the Amount paid for Salaries of County Superintendents.

COUNTY.	Amt apportioned for the school year 1875-7.	Enumeration of youth for the school year 1875-7 reported for ap- portionment.	Amt apportioned for the school year 1875-6.	Enumeration of youth for the school year 1875-6 reported for ap- portionment.	Amt paid County Superintendents during school year ending Aug. 31, '76 as per record in Auditor's office.	Amt paid County Superintendents during school year ending Aug. 31, '75 as per record in Auditor's office.
Barbour.....	\$ 4,396 86	4020	\$ 4,331 14	3881	\$213 00	\$363 00
Berkeley.....	3,775 71	3427	5,895 72	5215	300 00	500 00
Boone.....	2,125 88	1945	2,063 25	1825	423 00	156 00
Braxton.....	8,242 93	2967	3,246 93	2872	815 00	138 00
Brooke.....	2,260 32	2068	2,297 28	2082	266 00	202 00
Cabell.....	4,198 30	3842	4,157 18	3877	68 85	163 89
Calhoun.....	1,561 28	1702	1,689 04	1494	201 00	234 00
Clay.....	1,189 18	1088	1,182 55	1046	220 00	40 00
Doddridge.....	3,575 16	3263	3,642 63	3222	812 16	250 00
Fayette.....	3,242 93	2967	3,198 56	2824	291 00	244 00
Gilmer.....	2,413 34	2,08	2,503 08	2214	350 00	290 00
Grant.....	1,812 19	1658	1,764 78	1561	235 50	47 25
Greenbrier.....	4,863 31	4456	4,699 70	4157	278 00	279 00
Hampshire.....	3,205 76	2988	3,332 85	2948	277 75	389 00
Hancock.....	1,757 54	1608	1,830 01	1624	300 00	375 00
Hardy.....	2,202 39	2015	2,256 63	1996	420 00	228 00
Harrison.....	7,376 65	6749	7,241 17	6405	350 00	300 00
Jackson.....	5,610 96	5133	5,587 18	4942	890 00	111 00
Jefferson.....	4,941 45	4521	5,331 67	4716	266 66	845 00
Kanawha.....	10,820 70	9900	11,090 68	9810	150 00	450 00
Lewis.....	4,403 69	4029	4,356 01	3883	288 00	185 00
Lincoln.....	2,857 63	2609	2,740 45	2424	300 00	27 00
Logan.....	2,277 81	2094	2,261 10	2000	341 00	150 00
Marion.....	6,635 04	5979	6,576 41	5817	500 00	190 00
Marshall.....	6,756 92	6182	6,865 82	6073	228 00	124 00
Mason.....	8,167 98	7473	7,866 87	6958	260 00	321 00
McDowell.....	1,105 02	1011	1,008 45	892	235 50	177 00
Mercer.....	2,035 76	2320	2,473 64	2188	337 00	135 00
Mineral.....	2,717 19	2486	2,532 43	2240	83 50	142 53
Monongalia.....	5,561 09	5087	5,747 18	5036	298 50	201 50
Monroe.....	3,766 47	3446	3,677 68	3253	.....	162 00
Morgan.....	1,825 31	1670	1,799 84	1592	188 00	306 00
Nicholas.....	2,405 69	2201	2,226 05	1969	204 00	280 00
Ohio.....	2,405 69	2201	2,472 51	2187	282 00	175 00
Pendleton.....	2,858 19	2615	2,855 76	2526	226 00	.....
Pleasants.....	1,891 98	1731	1,899 32	1680	178 50	168 00
Pocahontas.....	1,775 03	1624	1,700 32	1504	116 00	30 00
Preston.....	6,812 66	6233	6,803 65	6018	300 00	285 00
Putnam.....	3,885 61	3555	3,725 16	3295	210 00	240 00
Raleigh.....	2,591 50	2371	2,552 78	2258	483 00	.....
Randolph.....	2,635 23	2411	2,660 18	2353	300 00	369 00
Ritchie.....	4,354 51	3984	4,314 18	3816	300 00	232 93
Roane.....	4,187 28	3831	4,686 75	3599	279 00	304 00
Summers.....	2,477 88	2267	2,548 26	2254	298 50	298 00
Taylor.....	3,885 50	3500	4,045 11	3578	162 00	76 00
Tucker.....	1,010 25	906	1,114 72	986	183 00	144 00
Tyler.....	3,802 40	3456	3,900 39	3456	243 00	100 00
Upshur.....	3,551 15	3249	3,721 77	3292	137 00	246 00
Wayne.....	5,036 54	4618	4,811 62	4256	273 00	174 00
Webster.....	973 86	891	882 53	781	135 00	105 00
Wetzel.....	4,753 78	4331	4,767 53	4217	321 00	360 00
Wirt.....	2,293 11	2098	2,206 82	1952	198 00	291 00
Wood.....	8,486 05	7764	8,905 86	7581	200 00	300 00
Wyoming.....	1,497 41	1370	1,492 32	1320	258 00	122 00
City of Wheeling.....	10,384 59	9501	10,194 17	9017
Total.....	\$207,263 98	189,543	\$209,124 38	184,796	\$14,096 42	\$11,693 13

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Description of Invested School Fund.

1876.			
Sept. 1	Stock in First National Bank of Fairmont, W. Va.....	\$50,000 00	
	Stock in Parkersburg National Bank.....	40,000 00	
	Stock in National Bank of W. Va., at Wheeling.....	30,000 00	\$120,000 00
	U. S. Registered Central Pacific Railroad Bonds.		
	No. 2,037, dated August 2, 1866—Interest from July 10, 1866.....	1,000 00	
	No. 2,038, dated August 2, 1866—Interest from July 10, 1866.....	1,000 00	
	No. 2,039, dated August 2, 1866—Interest from July 10, 1866.....	1,000 00	
	No. 2,040, dated August 2, 1866—Interest from July 10, 1866.....	1,000 00	
	No. 2,041, dated August 2, 1866—Interest from July 10, 1866.....	1,000 00	
	No. 2,042, dated August 2, 1866—Interest from July 10, 1866.....	1,000 00	
	No. 2,043, dated August 2, 1866—Interest from July 10, 1866.....	1,000 00	
	No. 2,044, dated August 2, 1866—Interest from July 10, 1866.....	1,000 00	
	No. 2,045, dated August 2, 1866—Interest from July 10, 1866.....	1,000 00	
	No. 2,046, dated August 2, 1866—Interest from July 10, 1866.....	1,000 00	
	No. 2,047, dated August 2, 1866—Interest from July 10, 1866.....	1,000 00	
	No. 2,200, dated January 22, 1868—Interest from January 1, 1868.....	1,000 00	
	No. 200, dated January 22, 1868—Interest from January 1, 1868.....	5,000 00	
	No. 251, dated January 22, 1868—Interest from January 1, 1868.....	10,000 00	
	No. 252, dated January 22, 1868—Interest from January 1, 1868.....	10,000 00	\$37,000 00
	U. S. Registered Union Pacific Railroad Bonds.		
	No. 1,993, dated January 21, 1869—Interest from January 1, 1869.....	10,000 00	
	No. 1,925, dated January 21, 1869—Interest from January 1, 1869.....	5,000 00	
	No. 235, dated March 13, 1869—Interest from February 10, 1869.....	10,000 00	
	No. 236, dated March 13, 1869—Interest from February 10, 1869.....	10,000 00	
	No. 8,439, dated October 27, 1873—Interest from July 1, 1873.....	10,000 00	
	No. 3,759, dated November 4, 1873—Interest from July 1, 1873.....	10,000 00	\$55,000 00
	U. S. Registered 5-20 Bonds.		
	No. 492, dated January 15, 1870—Interest from January 1, 1870.....	500 00	
	No. 2,123, dated January 13, 1870—Interest from January 1, 1870.....	1,000 00	
	No. 2,124, dated January 13, 1870—Interest from January 1, 1870.....	1,000 00	
	No. 2,125, dated January 13, 1870—Interest from January 1, 1870.....	1,000 00	
	No. 658, dated January 15, 1870—Interest from January 1, 1870.....	5,000 00	
	No. 847, dated January 15, 1870—Interest from January 1, 1870.....	10,000 00	\$18,500 00
	Certificates of U. S. Stock 5-20.		
	No. 714, dated February 18, 1871—Interest from January 1, 1871.....	500 00	
	No. 2,837, dated February 18, 1871—Interest from January 1, 1871.....	1,000 00	
	No. 2,838, dated February 18, 1871—Interest from January 1, 1871.....	1,000 00	
	No. 2,839, dated February 18, 1871—Interest from January 1, 1871.....	1,000 00	
	No. 2,840, dated February 18, 1871—Interest from January 1, 1871.....	1,000 00	
	No. 828, dated February 18, 1871—Interest from January 1, 1871.....	5,000 00	
	No. 1,051, dated February 18, 1871—Interest from January 1, 1871.....	10,000 00	
	No. 1,042, dated February 18, 1871—Interest from January 1, 1871.....	10,000 00	
	No. 11,519, dated March 6, 1871—Interest from January 1, 1871.....	100 00	
	No. 11,520, dated March 6, 1871—Interest from January 1, 1871.....	100 00	
	No. 11,521, dated March 6, 1871—Interest from January 1, 1871.....	100 00	
	No. 24,030, dated March 6, 1871—Interest from January 1, 1871.....	1,000 00	
	No. 7,160, dated March 6, 1871—Interest from January 1, 1871.....	5,000 00	
	No. 10,302, dated March 6, 1871—Interest from January 1, 1871.....	10,000 00	\$45,800 00
	Bonds of the State of West Virginia, dated October 29, 1873—Interest from October 23, 1873.....	16,970 00	
	Dated August 10, 1876.....	35,000 00	\$51,970 00
	Aggregate amount invested.....		\$328,270 00

Exhibit of the School Fund, September 1st, 1876.

1876.			
Sept. 1	Total amount invested.....		\$328,270 00
	Balance in the Treasury at this date.....		11,719 77
	Aggregate amount in the School Fund at this date.....		\$339,989 77

AUDITOR'S OFFICE,
November 1, 1876.

The foregoing statement is correct.

E. A. BENNETT,
Auditor.

NOTES.

TABLE A.

X.—Whole amount apportioned to county except where one or more districts failed to make a levy.

A.—One or more districts in this county failed to make a levy, which accounts for this amount being less than the amount apportioned to the county.

B.—The report of this county is so imperfect that no statement can be made from it and last year's used instead.

C.—This report is too imperfect for use in this table and last year used instead.

E.—The report does not tell from what source this amount is received but it is presumed that it belongs in this column.

F.—This includes \$800.00 paid district superintendent.

G.—A report received supposed to be from this county but too imperfect for use and last year's used instead.

H.—This is the whole amount apportioned to this county, except \$1,936.86 received by city of Martinsburg.

I.—In addition to this amount there was \$3,249.89 for city superintendent, clerk of board, salaries and pay of janitor and examiners.

K.—No report from this county and last year's report used as far as practicable.

TABLE B.

A.—The report does not tell from whence this amount is received but it is presumed that it belongs in this column.

B.—The county superintendent's report says that this amount includes "Notes, &c."

C.—The report from this county is too imperfect for use in this table and last year's used instead.

D.—A report received, supposed to be from this county but too imperfect for use and last year's used instead.

F.—No report from this county and last year's report used as far as practicable.

TABLE C.

A.—Library valued but no report of volumes in the library.

B.—School houses with no furniture reported.

C.—The report from this county too imperfect for use and last year's used instead.

D.—The value of school property not given in the report from this county.

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E.—A report received supposed to be from this county but too imperfect for use and last year's used instead.

F.—This amount is \$13,947.40 more than the items make it but the report so makes it.

G.—No report from this county and last year's report used instead.

TABLE D.

A.—Report of the enrolment and daily average attendance very incomplete.

B.—No report of daily average attendance.

C.—The report from this county too incomplete for use and last year's used instead.

D.—A report received, supposed to be from this county but too imperfect for use and last year's used instead.

E.—No report from this county and last year's report used.

TABLE E.

A.—A report received, supposed to be from this county but too imperfect for use and last year's used instead.

B.—This report too imperfect for use and last year's used instead.

C.—No report from this county and last year's report used.

TABLE F.

A.—A report received, supposed to be from this county but too imperfect for use and last year's used instead.

B.—This report too imperfect for use and last year's used instead.

C.—This average is less than it would be if the night schools were not included. The night schools were run for only three months while the day schools were run for ten months.

D.—No report from this county and last year's used.

TABLE G.

A.—Number of pupils studying each branch not given by the county superintendent of this county.

B.—A report received, supposed to be from this county but too imperfect for use and therefore last year's used as far as practicable.

C.—The report from this county too imperfect for use and last year's report used as far as practicable.

D.—The report from this county so imperfect as to be of but little use in this table.

E.—By city superintendent.

F.—No report from this county and last year's used.

TABLE H.

A.—This amount is reduced by \$545.29 paid on account of old claims.

B.—This amount is reduced by \$579.29 paid on account of old claims.

C.—Nothing given in this report upon which to base a calculation for this column.

FREE SCHOOLS.

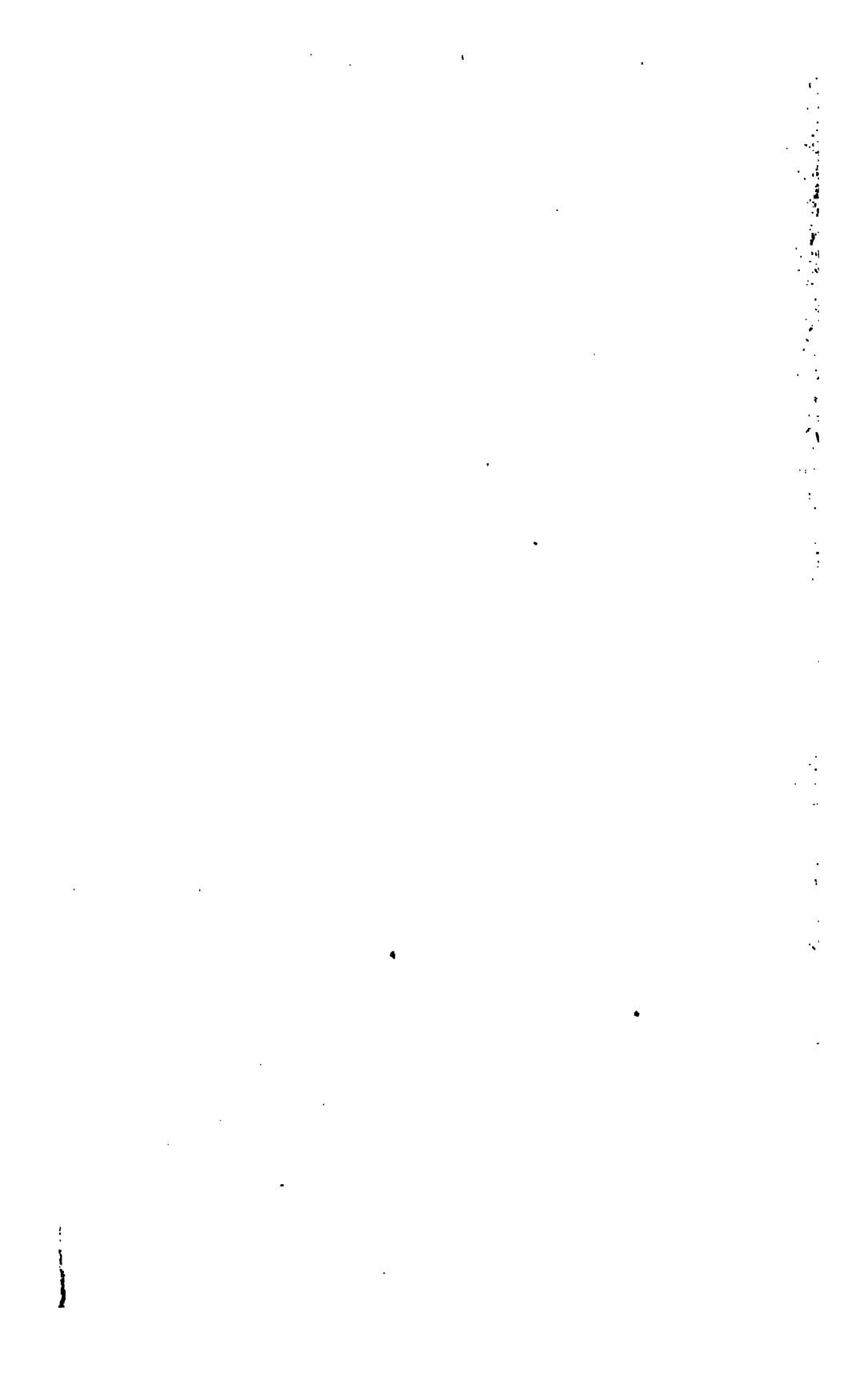
D.—A report received, supposed to be from this county but too imperfect for use and therefore last year's report used as far as practicable.

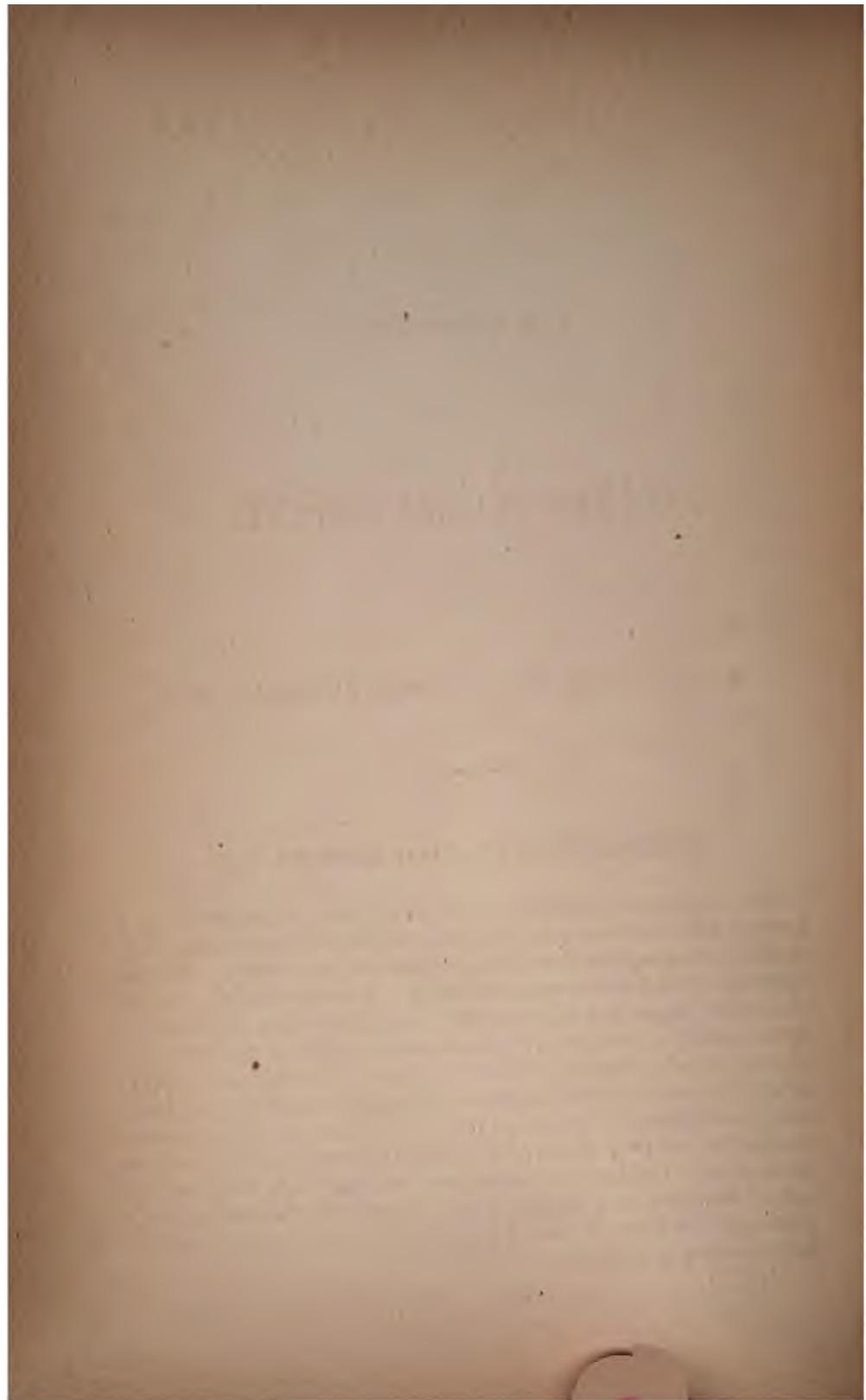
E.—The report from this county too imperfect for use in this table, so the report of last year is used as far as possible.

F.—There is included in this amount the sum of \$16,721.25 which was paid out of the "School or Teachers' Fund" under the city of Wheeling School Law.

G.—This fund is overdrawn \$3,130.80.

H.—No report from this county and last year's used.





REPORTS

— OF —

COUNTY SUPERINTENDENTS

FOR THE

SCHOOL YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 1876.

BARBOUR COUNTY—PERRY MARTENBY, *Sup't.*

The educational interests in our county are, in the main, in a healthy and improving condition, yet there is still a great deficiency in the practical application of our teachers to their work. We are laboring under the following difficulties: The surrounding counties give better wages, and consequently some of our best teachers are drawn away; others go into more lucrative employment; and many give up teaching because it does not give them permanent employment. It takes time well employed, wide awake experience and thorough scholarship to develop the truly practical and successful teacher, but ere long we expect to have thorough practical teachers in Barbour. The board of examiners feel that they have made a radical change during the past year, in raising the standard of qualification of the teachers; and it is their aim to spare no time and labor in raising it still higher.

SCHOOL HOUSES.

The most of our school houses are very comfortable, a few, however, are very illly adapted to school purposes. For children to spend a winter in them is to waste their time and undermine their health by sowing seeds of disease. I think they will be in a better condition by another winter. I allude to the houses of Barber district.

INSTITUTE.

The teachers' institute held at Philippi last August, conducted by Prof. Bundy and Prof. Clark, was an excellent one. The past winter I visited all the schools in the county but two, these had closed before I reached them. I generally passed about half a day in each school. After inspecting the teacher's register, I would review the classes, either by conducting recitations myself or assisting the teacher in charge of the school.

I found teachers and scholars all working, trustees visiting the schools, and parents eager to know how *their* school was progressing. All these things were encouraging to me. The only "draw back" is the salaries seem too low. I trust this will be remedied soon.

The average cost of education in this county (including the independent district of Philippi,) is \$5.72½ per pupil. The average age of pupils is eleven years.

There were two colored schools taught in this county last winter, each of which made rapid progress in their studies. We also had four select schools taught in Barbour this last summer, one by E. S. Daniels, at Peel Tree, one at Fox Gaps by Miss M. E. Gould, one at Belington by W. W. Teter, and one on Sand Run, by Cyrus Poling, quite a number of our teachers were in attendance at each of the above named schools.

In reviewing and taking everything into consideration, I think we have bright prospects in the future, and I take pleasure in commanding and congratulating the people of Barbour in the progress they are making in educational matters.

TEACHERS AND GRADES OF THEIR CERTIFICATES.

J. W. Shank.....	1	H. L. Nestor.....	1
E. S. Daniels.....	1	E. H. Compton.....	2
Miss L. V. Robinson.....	2	C. F. Teter.....	1
Jonithin Hathaway.....	1	B. F. Phillips.....	2
Cyrus Poling.....	1	F. B. Durrett.....	1
Miss Elsie Norris.....	1	Miss Mattie Teter.....	1
O. A. Mosby.....	3	Miss Sally Phillips.....	2
C. M. Cornwell.....	1	W. S. Shurtleff.....	1
W. D. Zinn.....	2	W. A. Street.....	1
Miss Celia Douglass.....	2	J. M. Godwin.....	2
J. E. Heatherly.....	1	Miss Nancy Sipes.....	3
A. J. Hartman.....	1	J. A. Dunham.....	1
James Hartman.....	2	A. L. Tallman.....	1
S. S. Zinn.....	1	W. A. Garnet.....	2
Columbus Reger.....	3	Miss Susan Street.....	5
Miss M. E. Gould.....	1	Miss Caroline Street.....	2
J. P. Scott.....	1	Jas. H. Robinson.....	3
Miss Roanna Pepper.....	1	John F. Hunt.....	2
H. C. Davis.....	2	J. A. Hilliard.....	4
J. M. Curkendoll.....	2	A. J. Harris.....	3
S. S. Talbott.....	3	Wm. McGee.....	1
Ira L. Eurett.....	2	L. L. Barron.....	2
R. R. Rohr.....	2	G. W. Stainaker.....	2
S. Talbott.....	1	W. S. Lang.....	1
M. Peck.....	1	W. K. Bower.....	1
N. Peck.....	1	Robt. F. Harris.....	5
A. M. Sigley.....	4	G. W. Heitzel.....	2
John Malcon.....	1	S. S. Stainaker.....	1
J. Ed. Stewart.....	1	E. J. Skidmore.....	3
S. L. Chislip.....	1	J. W. Moore.....	4
Miss Tebe Harris.....	3	J. M. Compton.....	4
Molly Mayo.....	3	J. W. Freeman.....	4
Thomas Madd'n.....	1	Jas. S. Cornwell.....	1
F. L. Swick.....	4	James W. Cleavenger.....	2
Stewart Wilmoth.....	2	Miss Jessie Groves.....	1
T. W. A. Bowman.....	2	R. M. Baker.....	2
A. Valentine.....	2	D. W. Payne.....	2
Wm. R. Bennett.....	1	J. W. Burgiss.....	2
M. L. Nestor.....	1	G. W. Baughman.....	2
E. A. Waugh.....	2	Elisha Newman.....	3
A. W. Stainaker.....	2	John Kelly.....	2
Mrs. M. E. Harris.....	1	Lettell LaFollett.....	1
A. B. Moore.....	1	J. M. James.....	2

BERKELEY COUNTY.—E. M. WALKER, *Supt.*

Under the guidance of Providence I am permitted to make my third annual report, embracing the statistical, financial and other information, required by law, for the county of Berkeley, excepting the District of Martinsburg, which is operating under some special enactments, one of which, I believe, requires its reports to be made direct by some one of its officers. In one of my former reports I gave you and the public the topography of the districts of Berkeley county, and do not think it necessary to repeat any former descriptions. It can be observed, from the statistical and financial reports, and also the grades of teachers that we are making some progress in public school education. Harmony prevails, with few exceptions, in all parts of the county; which is a good omen for the popularity of the schools. Our public schools have become an indispensable insti-

tution among us, and the people look to them alone, as the medium, by which, their sons and daughters may receive instruction for the practical duties of life. I think the law under which our schools are conducted generally, is a good one; and do not think it proper to make any suggestions, as I think it better to bear the ills we have than to risk those we know not of. The law gives general satisfaction, as far as I have been informed, and should have a thorough test. Each district is independent for all practical purposes, so that the people of each district can look to their Board for the proper management of their school money and schools; and if necessary make changes every two years. Special legislation, I think, in school matters, is as grievous as in other departments of government, in fact it is against the true fundamental principles of law; and I can see but little advantage to be derived, but much confusion as you have experienced. You will observe that some of the Districts are in a better condition financially, than others; as is shown in my financial report. This is accounted for to a great extent, as the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad passes through Arden, Opequan and Hedgesville Districts. The apportionment by the County Court of school taxes from this road to these Districts amounts to some hundreds of dollars, which I have reported under the heading "of other sources, for teachers' fund." Hedgesville district receiving much the largest share. The enumeration of youths remains in *statu quo* to a great extent, why it is thus I cannot say, exactly, unless the enumerations of previous years were too large—our population certainly is not decreasing, yet I think this years enumeration of youths approximates correctness. Our teachers are for the most part native and to the manner born and nearly the remainder have located here for the real business of teaching all of whom are reaching a respectable standard in their profession, which adds greatly to the proficiency of the public school system. There are also among us teachers from the Normal schools of the State who do good work and display skill in the management of their schools. School officers of every grade and class in the several districts of the county have performed their duties well with little or no pay, only a consciousness of having performed their duty to their people and thus become benefactors to their race; and I thank them for the great aid they have given in building up the system in Berkeley county. I cannot close my third annual report without expressing my kind feeling for you, for the prompt and courteous manner in which business has been despatched from your office. Your administration has been one of labor and perplexities under a new law, but success has attended you, and your labors will be cherished by the people and coming generations.

TEACHERS AND GRADES OF THEIR CERTIFICATES.

C. T. Kenney.....	2	Rev. Dr. Beal.....	
John T. Pauling.....	1	C. U. Thornburg,) Members of the examining	
M. G. Albright.....	1	E. S. Tabler,) Board.	
M. K. Butts.....	2	Miss H. V. Stump.....	1
Jos. H. Tisinger.....	2	Miss Rebecca Kratz.....	1
Wm. A. Pitzer.....	1	Miss Jennie Shaffer.....	1
J. W. B. Evans.....	1	Miss Mary A. Vanmetre.....	2
G. W. M. Tabler.....	1	Miss Jennie McCune.....	2
R. S. Mohler.....	2	Miss Hannah Royer.....	1
E. T. Paul.....	2	Miss Lydia B. Kiner.....	3
F. M. Frauel.....	1	Mrs. Dr. Johnson.....	1
John Quigley.....	2	Miss Annie E. Griffith.....	1
J. H. Master.....	1	Miss Laura J. Harley.....	1
H. S. Butts.....	2	Miss Lizzie Reynolds.....	3
Samuel L. Dodd.....	1	Mrs. L. Walsh.....	3
Daniel H. Dodd.....	2	George W. Green, colored.....	3
S. C. Rhodes.....	1	Benjamin Roberts, "	5
John T. McKown.....	2	Nicholas Nasby, "	5
J. P. Miller.....	3	Henry Reed, "	5
Champ Shepherd.....	2	John A. Brown, "	3
George Newcomer.....	4	Nathaniel Wood, "	4
Elias Wood.....	1	William Swartz, "	4
James T. Anderson.....	2	Rev. W. P. Fisher, "	3
H. C. Wayble.....	1	Alexander Johnson, "	3
J. E. Pittman.....	2	Miss Lucy C. Butler, "	4
A. P. Lord.....	1	Miss Jennie Roberts, "	2
J. E. Hauser.....	2	Miss Carlie Franklin, "	3
C. F. Stevenson.....	2	Miss Katie Taylor, "	3
J. P. Stump.....	1	Miss Mary Bronson, "	3
T. C. Siler.....	2	Miss Marcia Lanet, "	5
J. Newton Hall.....	1	Miss Sarah C. Johnson, "	3

BOONE COUNTY—CAREY TONEY, *Supt.*

In the discharge of my official duties during the school year just closed, I tried to impress upon the school officers the absolute necessity of furnishing this office with correct reports. The result can be gleaned from this imperfect report. You can see that our district clerks have not furnished me with correct reports.

In my efforts to obtain reliable figures I find that some one or two of the Boards had taken the responsibility of issuing an order for the \$10 allowed by law for making off their reports without waiting for my advice; thus taking from me the only means given to get correct reports.

There were two of my districts that did not get their reports in until the 8th of October. My report will show that the free schools of this county were kept in operation, during the past year, from three to four months in the five school districts into which the county is divided, and it is believed that the session was one of average prosperity and success.

There has been no important changes in the several districts since my last report. Two school-houses have been built in Peytona district, and another is under way; and in Scott district one school-house was finished in the school year just closed.

In reviewing the working of the school system in our county during the past year I think we have reason for encouragement, and I take pleasure in commending and congratulating the citizens of Boone county in the progress they are making in educational matters.

In conclusion, I return my sincere thanks to the teachers and citizens of the county for their expressions of commendation to me and their hearty co-operation in promoting the cause of popular education in the county.

TEACHERS AND GRADES OF THEIR CERTIFICATES.

M. F. Adkins.....	1	Joshua Mitchel.....	3
W. D. Alford.....	2	J. R. F. Mosley.....	2
M. J. Bradley.....	1	John Morris.....	1
J. F. D. Bowman.....	1	J. W. Massey.....	1
T. M. Bowles.....	1	A. Meadows.....	1
S. H. Campbell.....	1	S. Oxley.....	1
W. B. Chapman.....	2	James Puck.....	3
B. M. Campbell.....	1	A. V. Pixley.....	1
S. M. Cantley.....	1	V. Sanford.....	2
J. Estep.....	3	Joseph Teague.....	3
J. Foster.....	2	Wm. Thompson.....	3
M. J. Gardner.....	1	Mrs. M. P. Workman.....	1
B. S. Hager.....	3	A. B. Whitten.....	2
H. A. Hopkins.....	1	G. W. Willis.....	3
E. E. Hopkins.....	2	L. F. Vickers.....	1
A. A. Hopkins.....	1	E. B. Vickers.....	1
W. H. Knight.....	1	W. L. Van Horn.....	1
Edney Lake.....	2	Mrs. E. Van Horn.....	1

BRAXTON COUNTY—J. W. HUMPHREYS, *Sup't.*

The school system in the county, during the past year, has rendered satisfaction commensurate with the interest in it manifested by the people. This interest, however, is not so lively apparently, as it was when the system was new to the people. The salaries of teachers have been reduced from \$25 to \$10, which makes it difficult to supply the schools with ordinarily efficient teachers; some of the schools having to be taught during the summer, when the attendance was but meagre, as there were not enough teachers to supply all the schools during the winter months, the most proper and convenient season for schools in a sparsely settled country.

By reference to the statistical part of the report you will see that there were sixty-seven schools taught in the county, the average of whose terms was 4.08 months, a large majority of which rendered general satisfaction. The length of the terms of all the schools, outside the independent district, would not average four months, but the school in this district being kept open for five months, the general average is raised to over four months.

The attendance in many parts of the county is not what it should be. Schools have become so common, it seems, with the people, that it appears to be a matter of indifference, in many instances, whether the children are kept at school closely or not.

I visited nearly all the winter schools and found the teachers generally, laboring in a creditable manner to the profession. And I will here take occasion to extend to them my sincere thanks for the courtesy and respect with which my visits were received by both teacher and school in some instances.

The financial part of the report shows larger amounts charged to "contingencies" than might seem to be necessary, in some of the districts: which, however, is owing to tax exonerations made by the county court, at a time in which it would confuse the accounts of the district boards to change the amounts under any other head. Especially is this the case in Birch district.

The boards of the several districts have not built many houses during the past year, in order that their districts might get out of debt, and the debt of the building fund is reduced to the nominal sum of \$54.30, so that all necessary buildings may now be speedily erected.

There exists, in my humble opinion, a defect in the law with regard to examinations of applicants for teachers' certificates. The Board of Examiners cannot make such an examination as will test the qualifications of the applicant to teach. To remedy this defect in part, I would suggest that the law be so modified, as to require that all applicants for teachers' certificates shall have taught a certain number of years (or months) before they be entitled to certificates of a certain grade. Personal observation upon my part has demonstrated this. Some of the teachers holding No. 2 and No. 3 certificates are better than others who hold No. 1. This however is not frequently the case.

TEACHERS AND GRADES OF THEIR CERTIFICATES.

C. S. Hall.....	1	V. B. Frame.....	2
T. G. Cutlip.....	1	Miss C. E. Berry.....	2
Wm. H. Jack.....	1	Mrs. P. E. Berry.....	1
C. L. Engel.....	1	L. A. Friend.....	3
W. K. Bender.....	1	M. E. Gibson.....	2
A. M. Berry.....	3	J. C. Salisbury.....	3
T. M. Daily.....	3	A. M. Frame.....	5
Burton F. Hauric.....	2	Sam'l F. Griffin.....	1
T. J. Berry.....	1	Miss Bridget Green.....	2
Jas. M. Hyer.....	3	W. H. Green.....	1
John S. Garee.....	1	A. M. Hersman.....	5
A. J. Salisbury.....	2	John L. McCoy.....	3
L. A. Friend.....	2	Johnson C. Salisbury.....	2
Job F. Thayer.....	2	John C. Salisbury.....	1
John W. Hanna.....	1	L. D. Humphreys.....	3
Peter L. Curry.....	3	Mrs. B. M. McCoy.....	2
J. A. Pierson.....	1	William Kraft.....	8
Wm. C. Jenkins.....	1	Job F. Thayer.....	1

TEACHERS AND GRADES OF THEIR CERTIFICATES—Continued.

J. Newt. Rumsel.....	1 A. M. Frame.....	4
G. C. Squires.....	3 L. S. Dillen.....	2
D. S. Morton.....	1 J. T. Cribbins.....	1
E. A. Berry.....	1 Thos. E. Friend.....	4
J. G. Perrine.....	2 Walter B. Stanard.....	3
Miss M. A. Daly.....	2 Mrs. J. A. Willoughby.....	4
S. S. Stonestreet.....	3 Miss Nancy Cogar.....	5
W. S. Hammer.....	1 Granville Rexroad.....	3
C. W. Ware.....	2 Miss Maguire Willoughby.....	4
J. C. Salisbury.....	3 Jas. L. Ligget.....	4
G. R. Gibson.....	1 Miss M. E. Haymond.....	4
Wm. L. Kelly.....	3 L. D. Humphreys.....	2
Mortimer Rose.....	1 Walter B. Stanard.....	1
Miss L. J. Berry.....	3 L. A. Friend.....	2
W. T. Keener.....	3 Jas. M. Hyer.....	3
Jas. M. Hamric.....	2 C. W. Taylor.....	5
Jas. M. Stewart.....	3 Miss Ida M. Garce.....	1
S. S. Stonestreet.....	2 Wm. H. Given.....	3
E. V. Frame.....	3 C. W. Ferrel.....	
L. S. Dillen.....	4	

BROOKE COUNTY—J. W. HOUGH, *Sup't.*

I am very glad to be able to say, that the interest of the people of Brooke county, in the work of general education, still continues. I think I may truthfully say, that every year adds to the efficiency of our school system to accomplish the great design of its creation, viz: the diffusion of intelligence among the many.

It will be seen, by reference to tabular report, that the schools continued, on an average throughout the county, six and eleven twelfth months in the past year. The average cost per pupil, for all purposes, as given in the statistical report, is, I believe, erroneous; and I have no data from which to obtain accurate figures.

Our teachers, with few exceptions, were faithful and indefatigable in the discharge of their duties; and, as a class, were skilled in the art of teaching.

We still have the difficulty and embarrassment of irregularity and non-attendance to regret, even in our advanced county. We trust the day is not far distant, when means will be adopted to secure the attendance of all classes in our schools. It seems to me, the time has now arrived when we should devise a system of compulsory education. It has already been demonstrated to be the most efficient means of promoting education among all classes of society. It would not only diffuse knowledge among the masses, but it would foster habits of industry, so essential to the prosperity of society. It would accustom to work and study that class of our young people who are now spending their time in idleness or useless sport, and thus becoming burdensome to the State, and dangerous to society.

It is a source of gratulation to me to be at the head of the schools, where the people so cheerfully co-operate to promote the cause of education. The people of Brooke county are doing nobly to advance the interests of education in our midst, and their labors are not without fruit.

I must, therefore, in conclusion, return my most hearty thanks for the encouragement and aid they have given me, and the kindness they have shown me during the long time I have been superintendent of schools in Brooke county.

TEACHERS AND GRADES OF THEIR CERTIFICATES.

Miss S. M. McCarroll.....	1	Joseph A. Cox.....	1
T. O. P. Bailey.....	2	James Gibson.....	1
W. H. Anderson.....	1	Carrie Burt.....	1
Miss R. B. Anderson.....	1	Annie M. Lazear.....	1
Lena Gibson.....	1	James Hindman.....	8
Ada A. Cunningham.....	1	Harmine Wright.....	1
Peter Perrine.....	1	I. W. Clemens.....	1
Win. C. Nicholl.....	1	Annie M. Bell.....	2
Ellie Amspoker.....	1	Samuel Amspoker.....	1
W. M. Toni.....	2	Jane Smith.....	2
Frances Moor.....	3	Charles Kyle.....	1
Joshua M. Agnew.....	2	Mattie C. Anderson.....	1
Edwin Jester.....	3	E. M. St. Clair.....	1
Kate McGuire.....	1	W. A. Strain.....	2
Jennie S. M. Foutche.....	1	R. C. Buckley.....	1
Dorwin A. Hindman.....	2	James E. Baxter.....	1
Marth. J. Cox.....	1	Emma Whitsett.....	1
S. Cornelia Hunter.....	1	Joe S. Rodgers.....	1
Catharine Sharp.....	2		

CABELL COUNTY—D. S. DUNCAN, *Supt.*

I would respectfully submit that the general condition of our schools, during the past year, has been healthful and good, and that, in their character, I believe, they would compare favorably with the schools of the other counties of our State.

Our school term embraced from four to nine months, and most of our schools were well conducted and well taught.

As a general fact, we succeeded in obtaining good teachers, many of whom were considerably above mediocrity, whilst but few could be regarded as very inferior.

Our noble people are becoming more and more aroused to their duties and responsibilities in the vital and important matter of educating their children. The subject of free school education, though in some respects unwelcome to some at first, has rapidly grown in popular favor, until to-day it has a hold upon the affections of our people that can never be broken. Our excellent system, though in its infancy, has been steadily and cheerfully supported. None of our districts ever fail to make the levies, and, whenever the question of extending

the schools have been submitted to the people, it has carried almost without a dissenting voice.

It will be seen from this report that we have accumulated a very respectable amount of school property ; that our school tax is growing lighter year by year, and that the per centage of attendance in our schools is gradually increasing. Our school-houses are, for the most part, as well and conveniently located as the topography of the country will admit. The rude shanties of former years have given place to neat and comfortable school-houses, and our levies for the "building fund" will soon become very light.

Many of our teachers evince a commendable zeal for improving themselves in the profession, and these endeavors on their part have been awarded by the sympathies and the encouragements of their patrons and of the people generally.

In the beginning of the school year, aided by several of our more prominent teachers, we organized a county teachers' institute, which held monthly meetings throughout the year in different localities. These meetings were tolerably well attended by both teachers and citizens, and resulted, we trust, in the accomplishment of much good. It is our intention to pursue a similar course during the current school year, only with renewed, and, if possible, increased energy.

I visited every school in the county once, and nearly all of them the second time. In these visits, besides noting the course and methods of instruction and of government, and advising with the teachers and trustees, I took occasion to deliver short lectures and addresses to the pupils.

It gives me pleasure to state that nearly all of our school officers have labored faithfully, earnestly and zealously in the performance of their important duties.

In the discharge of my own official duties I have received the uniform courtesy, warm sympathy and efficient support of the school officers, the teachers and the people generally, for all of which I desire to return my heartfelt thanks.

Whilst it is very gratifying to have the privilege of making such an encouraging report, yet it must not be understood that we have no difficulties to contend with. On the contrary, we have many, some of which are grave and serious embarrassments; but most of which, we think, could be obviated by a few changes in our present school law, some of which changes we will now very modestly suggest:

First—The impossibility of obtaining correct reports from the district secretaries, and many other serious difficulties might be avoided by abolishing the District Boards of Education, and creating in their stead one County Board of Education, to consist of one commissioner from each district, and the County Superintendent, who should be, "ex

officio," president of the Board. These commissioners should receive a reasonable per diem, say \$1.50. for a limited number of days in each year. This Board should appoint its own secretary, who should receive a moderate compensation for his services, say from \$50 to \$100 a year. This Board should also appoint the trustees, of whom there should be three in each sub-district, for many and obvious reasons. Among other things, the trustees should be required to consult the wishes and the interests of the patrons of each school as to when the school should be taught and who should teach it. The trustees should also take and verify the enumeration of youth, and report the same through their district commissioner.

Second—There should be a County School Treasurer, either the County Superintendent or other person, placed under heavy bonds, whose duty it should be to receive and disburse all school moneys. The Sheriff should collect the school levies, as at present, and pay them over to the County School Treasurer; but the law should state definitely what commission he should receive for collecting them.

Third—Elections for school officers should be held at the times and places for holding the election for State and other county officers.

Fourth—The Legislature should make contracts with publishers for the text-books that are required to be used in the free schools of this State, at a specified price for each book, and it should be unlawful for any merchant or other person to receive or require from any pupil of any free school of this State more than the State contract price for any such book. This could be done without expense, and would save to the poor people of the State thousands of dollars.

Fifth—The neglect, or refusal, on the part of parents or guardians to send their children and wards to school is alarming, and should be remedied by mild compulsion. The penalty for wrongfully withholding a child from school should be a fine, to be paid in money, and in default of payment to be compensated by work on the county roads. It should be the duty of the County Board of Education, however, to remit these penalties in cases where it would be either improper or impracticable for the children to attend school.

Sixth—The Board of Education should be authorized to furnish text-books to indigent children upon satisfactory evidence that neither the children nor their parents are able to procure them otherwise.

Seventh—The time for laying the levies should be changed so that the Assessor may extend the amounts on his books prior to the time for delivering them to the Sheriff.

Eighth—Outgoing school officers should be required to make the reports pertaining to the time of their incumbency.

Ninth—The school month should consist of twenty days of actual teaching and two days' attendance upon the meetings of an organized teachers' institute.

Tenth—The school law should be arranged, condensed and made so that it could be easily understood.

TEACHERS AND GRADES OF THEIR CERTIFICATES.

George B. Austin.....	2	Edgar L. Summers.....	2
William Algo.....	2	Miss Ellen Kelley.....	2
Joseph M. Hatfield.....	2	Irvin L. Maze.....	3
Charles Guthrie.....	2	Miss F. E. Beuhring.....	1
John A. Black.....	1	M. C. Jordan.....	2
Dr. Joseph C. Sidebottom.....	2	A. W. Laidl-y.....	2
R. C. Vass.....	2	Miss Ella McKnight.....	2
Charles A. Walton.....	2	Mrs. S. E. Laidley.....	2
James T. Unseld.....	2	John Laidley.....	2
J. S. Justice.....	4	George Holderby.....	2
John D. Carter.....	2	Rev. J. C. Recce.....	1
A. H. Melrose.....	1	Dr. Calvin Morrison.....	1
Miss Eila Gillett.....	2	Miss S. Alice Hoff.....	1
John J. Rousey.....	3	Miss Lida Beeson.....	2
C. W. Paine.....	1	James A. Hatfield.....	2
M. A. Bias.....	3	P. H. Childers.....	2
M. S. Bias.....	3	Thomas Dundas.....	1
John Turley.....	3	S. G. Coffman.....	2
H. L. Beckett.....	2	Mrs. Harriet Hall.....	2
S. H. Mossman.....	2	Miss Mattie Muchler.....	2
S. C. Mossman.....	4	William F. James.....	3
John S. Gibson.....	1	Isaac V. Bryant.....	3
Silas Told.....	4	George W. Priddy.....	3
Miss Alice Told.....	4	J. S. Justice.....	3
Miss Emma Blake.....	2	Thomas B. Summers.....	1
Miss Lizzie Stone.....	1	J. F. Herndon.....	2
Miss Addie Holderby.....	1	J. T. Lackland.....	1
A. B. Maupin.....	1	William C. Brunnett.....	2
W. A. Bishop.....	1	George W. Priddy.....	2
Miss Emma McComas.....	2	John J. Rousey.....	2
Miss America Mansfield.....	2	Mrs. Mary Miller.....	2
William T. Cox.....	2	S. C. Mossman.....	3
Miss Effie Sayre.....	2	F. M. Keyser.....	2
Miss Alice Maupin.....	1 ¹		

CALHOUN COUNTY—D. W. KNIGHT, *Sup't.*

While it is true we are improving in an educational point of view, yet facts and figures are stubborn things. Not fifty per cent. of the whole school population attend school regularly.

We need a compulsory system of education. Our people would favor it. There is too much division, contention and strife in the public schools to make them successful. When will parents and teachers learn that "United we stand, divided we fall."

We had two very fine schools carried on by private subscription for five months last summer, to which the teachers of the county and some from adjoining counties attended.

Our County Institute is pretty well organized, although at times it is not as well attended as is desired. Teachers complain of their wages being so low, that it will not justify them to attend institutes

every three or four months, and then added to this, have to teach nine weeks, lacking one day, to make two months school. We think it better to return to the old land marks, twenty days for a month.

I have endeavored to have this report correct; the secretaries say that trustees made no report to them.

TEACHERS AND GRADES OF THEIR CERTIFICATES.

S. A. Knotts.....	2	J. R. Pell.....	1
Miss Minora Knotts.....	3	J. W. Pell.....	1
E. B. Ryerson.....	1	J. P. Knight.....	1
Josiah Jarvis.....	3	Miss Darcas Ferrel.....	3
A. W. Reip.....	2	W. H. Goodknight.....	2
Miss Enny Knight.....	3	R. W. Hall	1
W. H. Robinson.....	1	Miss Ella F. Marshall.....	3
C. E. Robinson.....	1	Mrs. R. Corder.....	3
A. J. Barr.....	1	Miss Lida Hays.....	2
Miss H. A. Wolverton.....	3	Granville Johnson.....	1
Warren Johnson	2	Miss Sophia Springton.....	3
W. H. Ayers.....	1	P. W. Brufey.....	1
A. E. Kelar.....	2	C. A. Walker.....	3
T. K. Ferrel.....	2	Samuel Ayers.....	1
L. C. Fishback	1	A. S. Sharps.....	1
J. W. Tetrick.....	3	Lewis Rife.....	

CLAY COUNTY—R. C. LESUEM, *Sup't.*

Every district in the county, except Buffalo, has had a four months school. There is quite an improvement in our school teachers and schools. The watch word is, onward.

I think Clay is on the advance.

Our schools are in a prosperous condition. We have four houses under contract; three that will be completed in time for a winter school.

We had one house built last winter in Pleasant district, and have another nearly completed on the same lot.

In regard to the school law, I think that section twelve of school law should be changed so that transfers pay their ratio of school expenses; it would be much better for our schools. This section of law has broken up two of our schools.

I would also recommend that in section two the word "trustee" be stricken out, and the term "Board of Education" be inserted. And that section thirteen be so amended as to read thus: "The Board of Education of every district shall appoint the teachers for the schools under their charge and dismiss them at any time for incompetency, neglect of duty, intemperance, profanity, cruelty, or immorality." And thus give the power to the Board of Education.

I would also recommend that section twenty-eight be so amended

as to read thus: "No teacher shall be employed to teach in any sub-district until he shall have presented to the Board of Education a petition signed by a majority of the citizens of the school having children to attend, and a certificate in duplicate of his qualification to teach a school of the grade for which he applies.

There is a great deal of trouble in the counties, originating from trustees employing teachers that the majority do not want.

I would also recommend that the latter clause of section twenty-seven be so amended as to grant or provide that there be two public examinations held in each county, one on the second Tuesday in September, and one on the second Tuesday in October each year, at which times teachers may receive certificates free.

The Board of Examiners to be paid by an order drawn by the County Superintendent on the county treasurer, and said orders to be paid out of the State fund to be distributed to the county.

I would also recommend that section twenty-seven of school law be so amended as to require the presidents of the different boards of education, when they meet to appoint the Board of Examiners, to also fix the salary of teachers uniform in the county according to grade.

I would also recommend that the school month be twenty days.

TEACHERS AND GRADES OF THEIR CERTIFICATES.

Geo. W. Arbogast.....	2	Calvin Rogers.....	1
Jno. M. Goad.....	1	L. P. Rogers.....	1
Jasper Givens.....	1	J. P. Rollyson.....	2
D. H. Hunley.....	2	Miss O. Stephenson.....	1
C. C. Hammack.....	2	Miss M. Thornton.....	2
Jacob Keith.....	2	Morgan Triplet.....	2
Miss S. R. Keffer.....	3	Delorain Upton.....	1
Jno. B. Morris.....	1	C. F. Walker.....	5
H. L. Morris.....	1	D. A. Williams.....	3
Thompson Morris.....	1	C. P. Wilson.....	1
Jno. T. Moose.....	2	Miss M. J. Week.....	4
Scott Nottingham.....	1	Jasper Young.....	1
B. M. Rogers.....	2	R. A. Young.....	3
L. W. Rollyson.....	1	W. C. Young.....	1
S. N. Rollyson.....	1		

DODDRIDGE COUNTY—J. V. BLAIR, *Sup't.*

The lateness of this report is owing to the fact that I have been trying to obtain the required settlements, but the effort has been all in vain. I here incorporate a letter from the sheriff to me which will explain why he (the sheriff) could not make the usual settlements with the boards of education, it reads as follows!

"I did not receive the commissioner's books for the taxes of 1875,

till May 1, 1876, consequently, have not been able to make the required settlements with the boards of education within the required time. I shall not be able to make said settlements before February, 1876.

On entering upon the duties of my office, I found it necessary to make some changes, such as the advancement of our schools demanded. I found that the schools had so advanced, and that the general school interest had so increased, that it was absolutely necessary to raise the standard of teachers. This I did, which you will observe by comparing the grades of certificates issued the year previous to my superintendency, and reported last year (1875), with those of the present report. For the scholastic year ending August 31, 1875, there were granted twenty-five No. 1 certificates, seven No. 1 $\frac{1}{2}$, twenty No. 2, five No. 2 $\frac{1}{2}$, fifteen No. 3, three No. 3 $\frac{1}{2}$, three No. 4, and none No. 5.

For the year ending August 31, 1876, there were granted six No. 1, nineteen No. 2, thirty-two No. 3, twenty-two No. 4, four No. 5, and some were refused certificates for incompetency. This change caused much dissatisfaction among the lower grade teachers, but it met the general approbation of the people; and the teachers, now, admit that a high standard of scholarship is greatly to their interest. A few of our ambitious teachers became very indignant over their low grades, would not teach, and went right off to one of our State Normal Schools. Would'nt it be a blessing to the youths of West Virginia if others would partake of their spirit, and follow their example? I made fifty-eight visits among our schools within the year. As a general thing I found them doing well. The teachers seemed to be working with renewed energy and skill. The schools averaged four (4) months in the county—longer than they have ever run before in one year. It took a special effort to obtain this average. One board passed an order for only three, or three and a half months school, when the levy was but thirty-five cents, thus going contrary to the school law, and sinning against the holy demands of the youth of the district. I refused to issue requisitions for the State fund apportioned to this district, till said order was changed. Suffice to say, that after much unnecessary trouble the order was changed, and the requisitions issued. My experience and observation teach me that the collector of the school tax, *should not be the disburser*. He can too easily say when an order is presented that he has not the money, that the people would not pay their taxes, &c., and thus turn away a poor teacher, who in order to liquidate his demands, must sell his order at a discount of from ten to fifteen per cent. Now I think it is time such a curse was buried with the past, and only remembered as a *tried and condemned error*. There ought to be a treasurer of all school moneys separate

and apart from the sheriff. The sheriff should remain the collector; he should be required to pay over to the treasurer, one-fourth of the school tax for the year every three months. It should be definitely expressed and understood, that no just and legal school order should be presented without payment. This cash system would save the people of the State thousands of dollars, because all work could, and would be done for less money. All orders should, before going to the treasurer for payment, pass through the county superintendent's office that they might be recorded. He, the county superintendent, should keep a separate and distinct account of the finance of each district, and make all settlements with the treasurer. The desultory and ignorant way in which some of the secretaries of the boards of education keep their books, and boards make their settlements, has lost the State thousands of dollars. The county superintendent's work should be increased, and his salary to correspond, that it may justify him to devote his whole time to the duties of his office, and the free school work.

At present, in order to live, he is obliged to seek some other employment, and often his pressed vocation, and the duties of the office, conflict. The latter not infrequently, having to suffer. These things demand immediate consideration, and I hope our Legislature the coming session, will not prove reticent upon a subject that would tend to advance the free schools in our State.

TEACHERS AND GRADES OF THEIR CERTIFICATES.

John Jac. Ingle.....	1	C. E. Hedges.....	3
Lillie M. Atkinson*	1	Lizzie Dutton*	3
S. F. Lowther.....	1	P. B. McClain.....	3
T. M. Davis.....	1	A. G. Ryan.....	3
Wm. Jones.....	1	M. A. Summers.....	3
O. T. Hansford.....	1	Martha J. McGinnis.....	3
T. P. Douglass.....	2	James S. Archbold.....	3
Wm. F. Hudkin.....	2	Festus P. Ford.....	3
Lucinda Davis.....	2	Penelope Powell.....	3
Bertha C. Hall*	2	Edward L. Stevenson*	3
C. H. Davis.....	2	Wm. Trevey.....	3
W. R. McIntire.....	2	E. H. Wince.....	3
Wirt C. McKinley.....	2	Minda Underwood.....	3
Henry Ash	2	Thomas B. Peppers.....	3
Dixon Ash.....	2	J. M. Hall.....	3
Mary Strickling.....	2	Carl Doak.....	4
A. J. Rymer.....	2	Oliver Rexroad.....	4
B. W. Cowan.....	2	John M. Kemper.....	4
May S. Jeffrey.....	2	Sarah J. Vanhorn.....	4
Mary A. Schulte.....	2	Josie Sinnette.....	4
Isaac Hetrich.....	2	G. S. Smith.....	4
M. W. Davis.....	2	Mary Carroll.....	4
Della Martin.....	2	Ephraim Bell.....	4
A. T. Archbold.....	2	David Rose.....	4
Geo. C. Gabert.....	2	Agnes Smith.....	4
M. E. McClain.....	3	J. M. Davison.....	4
Ella M. Charter.....	3	A. S. Britton.....	4
Jas. T. Sherwood.....	3	Lizzie Hickman.....	4
John A. White.....	3	H. J. Enlow.....	4

TEACHERS AND GRADES OF THEIR CERTIFICATES—Continued.

Benjamin Ramage.....	3	Hettie Jeffrey.....	4
Robert L. McClain.....	3	A. J. Gaskins.....	4
Robert E. Lawrence.....	3	Floyd N. Williams.....	4
Srmuel Lorentz.....	3	John W. Flanigan.....	4
Elizabeth Ingle.....	3	Odus S. Stewart.....	4
J. H. Gain.....	3	Henry Varner.....	4
G. W. Ires.....	3	Wm. Pritchard.....	4
Laura R. Yates.....	3	Milton Underwood.....	4
Hettie S. Stevenson*	3	Nancy Brown.....	5
N. J. Griffin.....	3	John R. Roberts.....	5
A. M. Wade.....	3	A. O. Britton.....	5
M. E. McClain.....	3	J. D. Frum	5
Kate Pierpont	3		

*Names marked thus * are those who were not citizens of W. Va.

FAYETTE COUNTY.—O. W. HUGHART, *Sup't.*

There has been a marked improvement in our teachers, and consequently a general improvement in our schools during the past year.

The failure of the sheriff to pay our teachers promptly has been, and continues to be, the greatest hindrance to the successful working of the free school system in this county.

TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION.

Three meetings of the Fayette County Teachers' Association were held during the year, and a greater interest in its work manifested than during the previous year. However, not more than half the teachers attend its meetings yet.

Falls district had seven schools of four months each, and paid No. 1 teachers, \$40 per month.

In Kanawha district, nine schools of four months each were taught. The highest salary paid teachers in this district, was \$36.

An excellent frame school house has just been completed at Kanawha Falls.

Fayetteville district had twenty schools of four months each. This district paid \$40 per month for No. 1 teachers.

Mountain Cove district had twenty-three schools, averaging nearly four months each. Salary of No. 1 teachers, \$28.

Sewell Mountain district had eighteen schools of four months each. Highest salary paid teachers, \$35.

At Quinnimont, a large and neat frame school house was built this year—the best, perhaps, in the county—at a cost of \$535.

Seventy-two certificates were granted during the year. Fifteen teachers received No. 1 certificates; twenty-six, No. 2; twenty-six, No. 3, and five, No. 4.

TEACHERS AND GRADES OF THEIR CERTIFICATES.

W. A. Amick.....	3	Mrs. M. E. Huddleston.....	3
J. A. Bennett.....	4	L. D. Isbell.....	1
G. W. Bowers.....	2	C. F. Johnson.....	2
Miss Mollie Brown.....	2	W. J. Kirk.....	2
Miss A. C. Carroll.....	4	J. R. Koontz.....	2
W. G. Caloway.....	3	J. C. Love.....	1
J. C. Cavendish.....	2	S. H. Love.....	1
W. H. Cooper.....	2	L. F. Meador.....	1
C. M. Crist.....	1	Geo. W. McClung.....	1
A. F. Crookshanks.....	3	W. S. McCutchen.....	3
A. O. Darlington.....	3	O. M. Miller.....	2
W. B. Dean.....	3	W. C. Miller.....	2
Miss M. E. Dews.....	1	P. W. Mitchell.....	2
A. B. Dickerson.....	2	W. H. Montgomery.....	3
J. W. Dickerson.....	2	E. R. Morgan.....	1
C. P. Dorr.....	1	Mrs. M. A. Morgan.....	3
J. A. Earg.....	3	J. C. Osborne.....	3
D. B. Easley.....	1	J. D. Paxton.....	2
T. W. Farley.....	2	C. H. Phipps.....	3
W. J. Far.....	1	W. H. Rennick.....	2
Miss E. J. Flanagan.....	3	S. C. Rigg.....	3
P. A. Flanagan.....	3	E. M. Sandige.....	2
J. R. Ford.....	2	R. B. Settle.....	3
Miss Minnie A. Hagerman.....	3	W. R. Settle.....	3
Miss Sue M. Hagerman.....	2	C. A. S. Sydenstricker.....	1
J. H. Hardy.....	2	E. M. Thurmond.....	3
J. T. Hardy.....	2	Miss A. B. Tully.....	3
O. L. Hardy.....	1	J. A. A. Vandale.....	2
Mrs. V. F. Harrow.....	2	M. Van Pelt.....	2
E. B. Hawkins.....	4	M. D. Walker.....	3
N. C. Henrick.....	1	M. M. Warren.....	2
M. F. Henry.....	3	A. C. Williams.....	3
H. C. Hill.....	3	W. J. Wood.....	1
Rowland Hill.....	3	L. M. Woolwine.....	4
Miss V. E. Hill.....	2	Morris Wriston.....	2
W. B. Honaker.....	4	Miss Virginia Young.....	3

GILMER COUNTY—LEVI JOHNSON, *Sup't.*

The reports of the several boards of education this year show that there were 1,450 pupils attending school during the year, and out of that number there was a daily average attendance of 1,081. We have now fifty-eight sub-districts in the county, and have fifty school houses completed, and two under contract not yet completed, which will be ready the first of December, so that schools can be taught in them this winter. This leaves six yet to be contracted for and built.

We have expended this year, in building, the sum of \$1,195.18, and for other purposes chargeable on the building fund \$716.48, making the sum of \$1,911.66, and for teachers the sum of \$5,147.23, making an aggregate sum of \$7,058.89.

Our percentage of attendance at schools, I regret, is less than it should be. Our county is yet sparsely settled in portions of it. The schools are mostly taught in the winter which prevents a great many small scholars, who live at a distance from the school house, from attending.

There is an increasing improvement in the grade of our teachers this year. We have twenty-eight graded No. 1, fourteen No. 2, four No. 3, five No. 4 and one No. 5.

Should the normal schools continue a few years longer, (and I hope will always) we will have a class of teachers that will compare with any State in the Union. The uncertainty of their continuing has been a great draw-back on the attendance at those schools. The Legislature should certainly make some permanent arrangement to carry them on, at least, for a number of years. We see already that great good has been accomplished by them in giving us a uniform system of free schools in our State.

TEACHERS AND GRADES OF THEIR CERTIFICATES.

A. J. Ryner.....	1	P. D. Hannah.....	2
W. S. Stumps.....	1	B. W. Meadows.....	1
E. Chenaworth.....	1	A. G. Stringer.....	1
W. M. Arnold.....	1	Miss Sarah L. Branman.....	1
Miss Adelia Reitze.....	1	John A. Dunlap.....	1
Miss Verna Webb.....	1	Mrs. Amy M. Cox.....	1
Samuel F. McClung.....	1	Miss Julia Hays.....	1
Homer L. Ewing.....	1	A. S. Britten.....	1
Charles Holt.....	1	A. O. Britton.....	1
Wm. M. Bennett.....	2	Isaac C. Eugle.....	4
Warren L. Cain.....	1	Howard A. Withers.....	2
Mintes J. Boggs.....	2	Nathan Coberly.....	3
D. S. Coberly.....	2	John C. Kirkpatrick.....	4
A. J. Coberly.....	3	Minor Hurst.....	5
Jonathan Griffin.....	1	Carr B. Bush.....	2
Asa B. Harris.....	2	Mrs. M. E. Kincaid.....	4
D. B. Lovett.....	2	Miss Louisa Frederick.....	3
M. C. Hall.....	1	Miss Amy R. Hays.....	1
Asa B. Bush.....	2	Silas F. Reddel.....	4
Fernando F. Bush.....	1	James H. Bolton.....	2
Sylvester A. Crip.....	3	Alexander Rice.....	1
James B. Bush.....	1	Miss Molie Cather.....	2
Taylor C. Gillespie.....	1	Henry C. Lockney.....	2
A. Judson Wooster.....	1	North F. Orvis.....	1
W. W. Burk.....	2	Marks Cox.....	1
B. F. Zahn.....	4	Jasper Norman.....	2

GRANT COUNTY—C. M. BABB, *Sup't.*

One Independent District (Harman) has furnished me no report whatever, and after many unavailing efforts to get required information from it, I have been forced to send my report, which though apparently about complete, yet is not nearly as accurate as it should be.

Notwithstanding the obvious defects of our school system, I am gratified to be able to state that on the whole there has been a noticeable advancement of its interests in the county. The most serious drawback, and the one which deprives it to some extent of the favor of the public, is found in the fact that the schools are rather poorly attended, in proportion to the number enrolled. Tax payers complain that their money is spent for the purpose of hiring teachers to

do nothing, while the children get no benefit from it. The passage of a compulsory law would be hailed with delight by a majority of our heavy tax payers.

That the school officers receive no remuneration for their services has the effect of keeping the most competent men out of office, and this is another serious drawback to the success of the system. Another is the existence of those unmitigated swindles, Independent Districts, by reason of which the poorer class of people situated in the more inaccessible parts of the county are obliged to pay a tax on the \$100, large in proportion to that borne by the men of means.

Our corps of teachers this year is, I think, an improvement upon last, and I might publish quite a list, worthy of honorable mention, for ability and faithfulness in the performance of duty.

You will observe that in the financial part of my report there are some entries covering amounts paid the sheriff as commission on the teacher's fund. This, though regarded as irregular, has been done by order of the different Boards of Education, and as no space was left on the report for any such transaction, I have inserted it.

TEACHERS AND GRADES OF THEIR CERTIFICATES.

Miss Janie C. Allen.....	2 F. V. Idleman.....	3
Miss Mary E. Allen.....	2 T. T. Lee.....	2
William Green.....	1 William Lentz.....	3
B. F. Cassidy.....	1 Miss M. C. Lyon.....	2
L. D. Clifford (colored).....	2 Joseph May.....	4
T. K. Clifford (colored).....	4 William May.....	4
Solomon Clark.....	3 S. B. McNemar.....	3
L. S. Copper.....	3 A. S. Michael.....	3
T. W. S. Foley.....	3 David Moreland.....	3
Benj. Funk.....	1 John Moyers.....	2
H. H. Funk.....	2 Cornelius Parsons.....	1
Miss Emma Funk.....	2 John Roudabush.....	2
J. D. C. Hannu.....	1 L. V. Seymour.....	3
Miss Libbie Harris.....	1 J. T. Shillingburg.....	4
Jesse Iflays.....	1 George Shirky.....	3
J. M. Illicey.....	3 Jacob Shob.....	3
Jonathan Hiser.....	3 J. M. Siever.....	3
W. P. Hollen.....	3 C. W. Sites.....	4
J. L. Hott.....	2 J. H. Strother.....	2
H. W. Kuhn.....	3 Dennis Weiner.....	3
A. B. Jenkins.....	3 Fortescue Whittle.....	1
J. C. Judy.....	3	

GREENBRIER COUNTY.—Wm. H. LEWIS, *Sup't.*

I regret to say that my continued efforts to obtain an entirely correct report for the whole county have not been successful. With the exception of one district, I believe the financial reports to be reliable.

In Williamsburg district one house was destroyed by fire, supposed to be the act of an incendiary. This has been rebuilt, and now there are ten houses in the district. The schools are kept in session six

months in the year. The secretary could not make a correct report of the condition of the finances in this district, as the sheriff failed to settle with the board of education.

In Blue Sulphur there are fourteen sub-districts with thirteen good houses, and one under contract to be built this year. The schools are kept open only four months in the year. It might be well to say here, that all the districts in our county have only four months school with the exception of Williamsburg and Lewisburg districts. Lewisburg independent district has been having eight months school until this year. The white school will run only four months this year, from the fact that they are building a house and cannot complete it in time to have a longer session. I think that the schools will be open at least, six months in nearly all the districts in this county, next year, as the majority of our people are manifesting a greater interest, in the system this year, than usual. In Meadow Bluff district there are fifteen sub-districts with sixteen houses. I have not visited the schools in this district but will visit them this year. Lewisburg district has six sub-districts and as many good, comfortable houses, well seated and a school of six months in each. The finances are in a healthy condition. There is about the sum of \$1,000 in the hands of the sheriff left over from last year. White Sulphur district has five sub-districts with six white and one colored school, all of which I visited, and found good houses and well seated, with the exception of one or two. The secretary kept his books much better this year than usual.

Anthony's Creek district was without schools this year, as the levy was voted down. Irish Corner district is divided into three sub-districts; has three good houses. This district has the advantage of a high school, called "Second Creek High School," organized by individual enterprise. Rev. Lyle, principal. Arrangements have been made both at this and at "Frankford High School" (in Falling Spring district) by which the free school pupils within reach, attend them. Falling Spring has fourteen sub-districts with thirteen houses; I visited ten schools in this district and found the most of them doing well. There are several dollars in the hands of the sheriff, at this time, due the district. Fort Spring has six sub-districts with eight houses—one built by it, is now included in Lewisburg independent district—one built some years since by subscription and dedicated to public school purposes, was sought to be sold by one of the subscribers to its erection, by suit in chancery. The suit has been decided in favor of the board of education. I would now in the close of my remarks recommend to the several boards of education in the county the propriety of offering larger salaries for No. 1 certificates: This will induce good teachers to come to the county, and it will also act as a stimulus to

our young teachers—or it may be done by reducing the salaries on the lower grades without increasing the cost of the schools in the county. The law now makes it the duty of the boards in the county to fix the salaries to be paid for the different grades of certificates. This, I think, is right; but I also think that those salaries should be uniform—that is, the same salaries should be paid for the same, or like grades in all the districts in the county. But this is difficult under existing circumstances, because the boards act independently of each other in making their levies, each board having in view the price it intends to pay, hence the difficulty. Again, the value of the land and personal property in some of the districts is so much greater than that of others, that the tax-payers in the more wealthy districts are enabled to raise their funds by a levy less than one-tenth of that paid by the poorer districts.

If it is right that taxation should be uniform for one purpose, I know no reason why it should not be so for another. Taking this view of the subject I think it would be wise in the Legislature to change the law in this respect, and make this a county tax instead of a district tax; and I believe it might, with the same propriety, be made a state tax.

TEACHERS AND GRADES OF THEIR CERTIFICATES.

A. M. Matics.....	1 Thos. G. Mann.....	4
Jno. D. D. Ragland	2 Wm. N. Correll.....	1
Henry L. Watts.....	1 Lavin Rupert.....	2
L. E. McWhorter.....	1 W. T. Butcher.....	2
Jas. T. Rucker.....	1 G. W. Law.....	4
M. R. Caldwell.....	2 S. E. Gilmer.....	8
J. W. Hinkle.....	1 Miss S. E. Marford.....	3
C. Scott Laren.....	3 Jas. W. Hedrick.....	2
John Wald.....	3 E. S. McClung.....	1
Horace G. Miller, (col).....	3 Jno. H. Curaway.....	2
B. Y. Perkins, (col).....	4 H. A. Kincaid.....	1
Thomas Bright.....	4 J. P. Slocum.....	1
Wm. H. Parrot.....	1 W. R. Jennings.....	1
G. K. Nelson.....	1 Geo. J. Thompson.....	1
W. C. Walton.....	1 W. H. Bush.....	1
S. Q. Alderson.....	1 E. G. Brownlee.....	1
J. W. McDowell.....	1 Henry Gilmer.....	2
J. H. Dearing.....	1 S. B. Miller.....	2
P. B. Harrah.....	1 Miss P. A. Novell.....	1
Mathew C. McMillion.....	2 Jas. S. Walker.....	1
Samuel Hannah.....	1 J. R. Alexander.....	5
Miss Nannie W. Patterson.....	1 T. H. Bransford.....	2
A. G. Flanyan.....	2 Samuel Snyder.....	2
C. P. Keys, (col).....	2 Geo. W. Law.....	3
Annie Horn, (col).....	3 H. E. Beckner.....	1
A. K. Dysard.....	2 D. M. Fleshman.....	3
S. L. Snyth.....	2 Calvin H. Hannab.....	2
Wm. Vanstavern.....	1 Miss Emma Jameson.....	3
Miss Nannie V. Ransbarger.....	1 Edward Morrison.....	3
Miss Sarah C. McMillion.....	4 Alexander McMiller.....	1
J. R. Argabrite.....	4 A. J. Crawford, (col).....	3
Harvey Lewis.....	3 Miss Lizzie Fry.....	1
J. H. Argabrite.....	3 Wm. Deitz.....	2
M. G. Myles.....	1 Geo. W. W. Jenkins, (col).....	4
S. B. Miller.....	3 O. A. Black.....	2
Jas. W. Hedrick	3 W. P. Ott.....	2
W. H. Burno.....	2 Jas. O. A. Deitz.....	2

TEACHERS AND GRADES OF THEIR CERTIFICATES—Continued.

Miss Clara T. Lewis.....	2 Jas. E. McClung.....	2
J. H. Miller.....	1 Wm. R. McClung.....	2
D. M. Fleshman.....	4 T. S. Webb.....	1
G. B. McKenny.....	2 E. B. George.....	4
Calvin H. Hannah.....	3 A. B. Burns.....	2
J. H. Loudermilk	3 B. F. Hodge.....	1
J. M. Correll	1 J. M. Hodge.....	1
Scipio G. Armentrout.....	2 Maurice L. Hurley.....	2

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY—A. M. ALVERSON, *Sup't.*

Capon District is deficient in the teacher's fund in the sum of \$68.94; this added to the total amount received in the county, \$9,877.51, makes the sum \$9,946.45, which is equivalent to \$9,092.87, added to the amount on hand. \$853.58; thus \$9,092 added to \$853.58, is equal to \$9,946.45, showing the report to be (in itself) correct*.

Four districts show a balance on hand of building fund; that is, Romney, \$12.31; Gore, \$62.16; Sherman, \$4.95, and Mill Creek, \$26.41, making in all \$105.83. This added to the whole amount expended in the county, (\$3,799.27, would make the sum \$3,905.10. From this subtract the deficiency, which is, in Capon District, \$67.93; in Springfield, \$88.82; and in Bloomery, \$339.17; making a total deficiency of building fund in the county of \$495.92; thus \$3,905.10 minus \$495.92, equal to \$3,409.18; the total amount received as per report.

The total amount expended within this district of teacher's fund, for white and colored, is \$1,546.37; and for children transferred from this district to Gore, there was paid to one school \$77.95, and to another \$45; making the whole expenditure \$1,669.32. The amount apportioned to the whites within the district is \$1,416.37; to this we add \$77.95 and \$45, which makes the whole amount apportioned to the whites \$1,539.32.

It will be seen by reference to my statistical and financial reports, that all the schools, with a few exceptions, have been kept in operation four months during the year which ended on the 31st day of August last. The small average daily attendance is attributable to the carelessness and lack of interest on the part of parents, more than any other cause.

I am happy to say that many of our teachers have improved very much in the two last years, and that the spirit of improvement among them is still increasing. The Normal Institute held at Romney in July last, seems to have awakened the teachers, and some of the people, to a sense of their duty in educational matters. The zeal

*There being \$16.54 due Capon District out of each fund of this (Bloomery District), it leaves, when deducted, \$442.49 for each fund accruing from levy.

with which they seemed to be inspired, enabled me to organize a County Institute, which I think will be well attended, and will aid materially in the instruction of our teachers. The free school system is gaining favor with the people of this county, but I do not think that some of the laws under which it is conducted are calculated to promote the best interests of the schools. The law which authorizes District Boards of Education, should be repealed, and in lieu thereof, the Legislature should establish County Boards; that is, one Board in each county, composed of one member from each magisterial district, and the County Superintendent of each county to be the presiding officer. By this arrangement the levies would be uniform throughout the county, and the prices fixed upon the different grades of certificates would also be uniform, and it would produce harmony where discord and confusion now rule.

TEACHERS AND GRADES OF THEIR CERTIFICATES.

Miss Levinia Anderson.....	3	David C. Pugh.....	2
W. J. Alderton.....	1	James W. Poland.....	3
Jos. W. Alderton.....	3	Benjamin J. Powell.....	3
Mrs. Ara E. Alderton.....	3	Jasper N. Poland.....	5
Miss Sallie E. Beery.....	3	A. N. Poland.....	3
J. C. Clem.....	3	Mitchel F. Poling.....	4
Miss Laura Clayton.....	1	Isaiah F. Powelson.....	3
Miss Clara K. Clayton.....	1	Charles F. Poland.....	3
Mrs. Mary E. Cochran.....	2	Eugene W. Russell.....	4
Arthur M. Carter.....	2	A. W. Rusmysele.....	1
Ewin Cowgill.....	4	C. J. J. Reid.....	1
William G. Combs	4	James R. Riley.....	3
Alexander C. Cowgill.....	2	Benjamin F. Richards.....	3
Charles W. Draper.....	4	Henry Roll (colored).....	3
Jasper W. Doman.....	4	B. Taylor Smith.....	3
Miss Etta V. Easter.....	4	Basil W. Shauholtzer.....	2
W. Grim.....	1	John M. Suyder, Jr.....	1
James F. Gardener.....	3	J. C. Shauholtzer.....	2
Miss Leonora W. Gooding.....	2	Daniel M. Shawen.....	2
George Holt.....	2	Miss Addie E. Swisher.....	2
J. W. Hiett.....	5	John T. Thompson.....	2
Warner T. High.....	3	John Tamkin.....	1
Elijah Huffman.....	2	Charles E. Thompson.....	2
John W. Hockman.....	2	George H. Throop.....	1
Isaac N. Hockman.....	3	J. F. Tutwiler.....	2
Larkin H. L. Henderson.....	3	Miss Annie Vandiver.....	2
John W. Kline.....	3	Edward C. Vandiver.....	3
J. Inskeep Keller.....	3	J. H. Williams (colored).....	2
Frank P. Loy.....	2	J. M. Ward.....	5
Miss Mary E. Keckley.....	2	E. A. Ward.....	5
Miss Ellen E. Kane.....	1	V. S. Wise.....	3
Elijah McEntyre.....	2	Miss Lillie Waddell.....	2
William K. Marshal.....	1	Miss I. J. Warden.....	2
T. G. Nevitt.....	1	John Wilson, Jr.....	1
James P. Nealis.....	4	Josiah Whitmore.....	2
William C. Parsons.....	4	J. E. Widmyer.....	3
Thomas D. Pugh.....	2	B. F. White.....	5
David W. Pugh.....	3	Charles N. Hiett.....	-

HANCOCK COUNTY—H. C. SHEPHERD, *Sup't.*

I see no cause to modify suggestions made in previous reports—all requirements of law have been observed, I believe, during past year, in due manner and time. The following extract from a leading journal is worthy of attention by our law-makers: "Our school system suffers by comparison with the school system of most of the European nations in the following particulars: The qualifications of teachers and school officers; the length of time during which school is sustained in any one year; the want of completeness or unity in the system, and the rotation in positions of teachers. In no other country is it possible to find the teacher so deficient in all the necessary qualifications for the profession as in the United States. They too often lack not only the training, but also the education necessary to render them efficient. The position of teacher is too precarious for any person of fair ability to make it a profession, and the salary paid is entirely too small. School directors are chosen almost entirely with regard to their personal popularity in their own districts, and too frequently possess little qualifications to render them respectable or useful in the discharge of their official duties. The length of the school year is too limited, being an average of six or seven months. The position of the teacher, depending as it does on the whim of some local ignoramus, can but have a bad effect on the schools, as the teacher, to keep his place, has to subordinate his methods of teaching, the course of instruction, the school discipline and even his private conduct to the desire to please the directors." This is not pleasant reading, but no one will have the hardihood to deny it." If such be the judgment from exhibits at the Centennial, in which the schools of the old States are largely represented, should not West Virginia seek to revise her system so that it may be in some measure free from above censures. Make what laws you please there will still exist those who will deny that a teacher has any rights that the wayfaring man is bound to respect, trusting that all needed reforms, in time, will be made.

TEACHERS AND GRADES OF THEIR CERTIFICATES.

E. D. Marshall.....	1	Ella A. Cresswell.....	1
Samuel McGlumphy.....	1	Nancy Rayle.....	1
C. S. Cowl.....	1	W. J. Lope.....	2
J. W. Quinn.....	1	J. J. Whims.....	2
W. J. Huff.....	1	J. C. Lindsey.....	2
Ella F. Burns.....	1	George Griffith.....	2
Lizzie Elie.....	1	A. M. Jackson.....	2
O. G. Campbell.....	1	D. W. Wylie.....	2
Belle Morrow.....	1	David Wylie.....	2
J. E. Wilkinson.....	1	Josephine A. Wyllie.....	2
S. F. Marks.....	1	Badie Forcuan	2
Jenne Kerr.....	1	Mollie Thompson.....	2
S. C. Swearingen.....	1	Irene Cunningham.....	2
A. M. Nickle.....	1	Byron Ball.....	2
J. C. Minor.....	1	S. G. Martin.....	2
W. C. Golton.....	1	Z. B. Swearingen.....	2
Maggie J. Chambers.....	1	Kate Haulin.....	2
W. B. Swearingen.....	1	Mattie Chambers.....	2
Annie Welsh.....	1	J. W. Lockhart.....	2
Lucy E. Cowell.....	1	Mary J. Scott.....	3

HARDY COUNTY—GEORGE T. WILLIAMS, *Sup't.*

I think our teachers, with few exceptions, are improving throughout the county where schools are in operation. In Lost River District the vote on the question of levy or no levy was a tie, and consequently the Board of Education refused to lay a levy. I think the school law is lame, in that there seems to be no legal mode of deciding whether the levy be carried or defeated in case of a tie. So far as I am able to judge, the free school system is steadily growing in favor in the greater portion of our county. Lost River has turned over a new leaf and carried the levy by an overwhelming majority at the election recently held on the question of levy or no levy, to raise funds, together with State apportionment, to carry on schools four months during the coming scholastic year. I hope you will find the accompanying statistical and financial reports as nearly correct as might be expected under the circumstances.

TEACHERS AND GRADES OF THEIR CERTIFICATES.

Bettie Gamble.....	3	P. H. Snarr.....	3
Susan Goings.....	3	John R. Hawse	3
Annie Fetzer.....	3	V. S. Wise.....	3
Bettie Tilden.....	2	D. B. Haines.....	3
Kate Gamble.....	3	H. A. Pease.....	3
Jonathan Pope.....	3	Joseph H. Orndorf.....	4
Washington Varner.....	2	J. Hawkins Orndorf.....	3
W. S. Marshal.....	3	Thomas Kelley.....	3
Jane Shearer.....	3	James Kelley.....	3
J. Bretingham.....	1	W. Cowger.....	3
Noah Heishman.....	3	James S. Snodgrass.....	3
Joseph Hawkins.....	2	F. Lovell	2
Louis C. Everly.....	3	Lucy Cunningham.....	3
Comfort Lobb.....	3	Major J. Miller.....	3
Annie Daugherty.....	2	J. Domann.....	4
Jacob A. Dasher.....	3	Rosetta Cook.....	5
H. W. Rolls.....	4	Theodore Kimble.....	3
Hattie A. Newhouse.....	3	William Breen.....	3

HARRISON COUNTY—J. R. ADAMS, *Sup't.*

It has been with great difficulty that I have made my report as full as it is. The blanks furnished to teachers are imperfect; they require many things to be reported which are unnecessary, so far as the county superintendent's report is concerned. The most important particulars are left out. I would suggest that blanks furnished teachers, trustees and secretaries be made to correspond with the blank reports for county superintendents, and that all blanks require neither more nor less to be reported than is required by the school law.

Owing to sickness, I did not visit many of the schools last winter; but from the reports and information otherwise received, I am happy to state that our schools generally are in a prosperous condition.

We report this year an increase of four sub-districts and four houses. We still keep up our Teacher's Association. It met last August at Shinnston. It was well attended and considerable interest was manifested, but I have observed in these institutes that the teachers who are most in need of instruction, do not attend.

I suggest that in remodelling our school law some plan be adopted that will require every teacher to do institute work.

I have no suggestions to make with regard to changes in the school law, other than those contained in my previous reports, except I would suggest that our school elections be kept as they now are, free from all others.

We have in our county three independent districts and ten districts; the said ten districts contain one hundred and four sub-districts. We have one hundred and eight school houses in which schools were kept during the past school year at an average of over four and a half months.

We employ one hundred and thirty teachers, at an average salary of \$37.23 per month. We also employ three colored teachers at an average salary of \$35.75 per month.

We had on hand at the commencement of the past school year, \$4,317.77, teachers fund, received from levy \$14,968.10; from State, \$6,941.17; from other sources, \$1,071.17, total \$27,298.28. Paid to teachers \$22,506.61, leaving a balance on hand of teacher's fund \$4,350.67.

We had on hand \$2,694.26 building fund. Received from levy \$7,-341.05; from other sources \$504.50. Total, \$10,599. 81; expenditures, \$8,317.24, leaving a balance on hand of \$2,282.57.

TEACHERS AND GRADES OF THEIR CERTIFICATES.

T. L. Wright.....	2	F. M. Harbert.....	1
Thomas Patton.....	1	J. W. Vandevort.....	1
E. L. Davis.....	1	Samuel Farris.....	2
W. B. Williams.....	3	J. W. Wheeler.....	1
C. W. Lynch.....	1	Sophronia Booth.....	2
Bertha Stout.....	1	Ainos Bright.....	1
James P. W. McCormack.....	2	W. S. Smallwood.....	2
W. A. Northcott.....	1	Burton D. Rose.....	1
J. W. Flanagan.....	3	Della Martin.....	3
Mrs H. S. Prim.....	1	Lovetta Pepper.....	2
B. B. Pew.....	2	A. F. Corder.....	2
M. L. Patterson.....	1	John Q. Harrison.....	2
M. Tolbert.....	3	H. C. Fordyce.....	1
Columbia Bassel.....	2	J. R. Parry.....	2
Mattie Bassel.....	2	J. P. Varner.....	1
E. S. Davison.....	1	J. W. Swiger.....	2
Helen V. Holden.....	2	O. P. Hansford.....	2
E. J. Sturm.....	3	S. G. Wadsworth.....	2
George W. Williams.....	2	J. S. Piggott.....	2
E. C. Tetrick.....	2	J. C. Lawson.....	1
George P. Jones, Colored.....	2	P. M. Long.....	2
J. J. Spencer.....	3	Nani Everett.....	1
Miss P. Herndon.....	2	A. J. Floyd.....	1
Olla Cost.....	2	L. D. Hall.....	1
Ella Short.....	3	Theodore F. Romine.....	1
B. F. Martin.....	1	A. R. Hopkins.....	3
Columbia A. Denham.....	1	J. F. Ogden.....	2
J. J. Long.....	2	J. M. Davison.....	2
George R. Scott.....	1	Mollie Swisher.....	3
H. G. Lawson.....	2	Penelope Powell.....	4
L. H. Eddieboute.....	1	Ella A. Freehan.....	4
Lillian Furgeson.....	4	Mrs. M. A. Burdick.....	1
Alice S. Garrett.....	2	Rev. C. A. Burdick.....	1
E. B. Robinson.....	4	John H. Benedum.....	2
W. R. Jewell.....	1	J. E. Curry.....	3
A. D. Law.....	2	E. G. Harbort.....	1
S. R. Jacob.....	2	T. H. Lowther.....	2
E. J. Skidmore.....	3	D. D. Garrett.....	1
A. J. Douglass.....	2	S. G. Swisher.....	1
Marcellus Sheets.....	2	Colwell M. F. Randolph.....	2
Columbia Kirby.....	4	George L. Piggott.....	1
Sallie Holden.....	2	S. A. Cavalier.....	2
W. S. Meredith.....	1	Howard Cather.....	3
F. M. Davison.....	1	Jesse Hannah.....	3
Benjamin Rannage.....	2	Lillian Davidson.....	2
Robert E. Lawrence.....	2	Ellen Elb.....	1
J. M. M. Benedum.....	1	J. C. Kemper.....	3
Hugh Romine.....	2	J. S. Haumont.....	2
M. E. Lawson.....	2	Peter Hammond.....	1
S. B. Wolf.....	1	Rebecca J. Fuvner.....	2
F. W. Martin.....	2	Auna Fuvner.....	3
Dudley Moore.....	3	J. M. Sturm.....	1
E. M. Copenning, Revoked.....	1	R. M. Orr.....	2
J. H. Holt.....	1	F. G. Orr.....	3
C. E. Hedges.....	3	C. H. Ice.....	2
John C. Rexroad.....	2	John A. Gawthrop.....	3
Miss M. Vincent.....	2	Burgott Swisher.....	2
Floyd G. Brown.....	2	C. M. Bogges.....	4
John Romine.....	2	Alexander Kuhn.....	3
Waldo W. Payne.....	2	C. S. McLure.....	2
W. C. Jones.....	2	Rachel Bowen.....	3
A. J. Davison.....	2	W. N. Edgell.....	3
W. A. Sturm.....	2	Charles A. W. Sheehy.....	3
H. M. Tetrick, Revoked.....	2	K. L. Towles.....	2
Melville Sturm.....	1	J. R. Helmick.....	2
John P. Davison.....	2	Pierce Sidebottom.....	3
Francis R. Young.....	2	Nellie Barnes.....	2
Olivia Payne.....	3	Henry A. Swiger.....	2
Miss L. M. Kayser.....	2		

JACKSON COUNTY—LEWIS YOUNG, *Sup't.*

It is not necessary for me to recapitulate and state here the number of schools taught, etc., as so many former superintendents have done, but I will say that we have a splendid corps of teachers in this county. Their zeal and energy in the cause of education, their own improvement and the intellectual and moral culture of the youths of the county is not excelled by any other class of teachers in the State. The free school system has had a fair trial, and is now established on a firm footing. The results of the working of this system can be seen all around us. Within the walls of the most humble cottage can be seen bright and intelligent children, who are being educated in our schools, that might have remained in ignorance, and grown up in obscurity, had it not been for the free schools. Issuing from town, village and farm-house may be seen young ladies and young gentlemen with minds well stored with useful knowledge obtained in our common schools, and entering upon the grand and responsible profession of teaching.

As an evidence that it has been a success in this county, allow me to say that in the early history of the system here we were compelled to obtain our teachers from abroad; now we have those who have been educated in the common schools of this county to conduct all our schools. True, we yet get some teachers from other States, but the consequence is that some of our own teachers are thrown out of employment. I do not think this is as it should be. I think that the school officers should encourage native teachers by giving them employment in preference to those who come from some other State.

I have no changes in the present school law to suggest. When I look at the results obtained I am inclined to say let well enough alone.

TEACHERS AND GRADES OF THEIR CERTIFICATES.

A. R. Parsons.....	1 A. C. Hartley.....	1
J. T. C. Parsons.....	1 J. A. Curry.....	3
Mrs. L. E. Stout.....	1 Pierce Lovitt.....	3
Asa Doem.....	3 J. L. Wallace.....	2
J. W. Stratton.....	4 Jennie Miles.....	2
M. V. Bowles.....	3 Mollie Lull.....	2
M. E. Merchedel.....	3 Ade Launley.....	1
M. J. Morgan.....	2 Ella Humphrey.....	1
W. G. Duer.....	2 R. B. Howard.....	1
T. O. McKown.....	2 D. S. Gantec.....	2
Lizzie Maguire.....	3 W. H. Curney.....	2
Greek A. Chase.....	5 R. B. Pickens.....	1
M. F. Stewart.....	5 J. D. Stanley (deceased).....	3
Addison Cast.....	5 T. J. Meeks.....	5
G. A. Davis.....	5 Mark Cox.....	2
A. B. Reedy.....	5 D. H. Brown.....	3
W. C. Dunlap.....	3 J. E. Kountz.....	5
J. A. Cole.....	2 J. T. Stephens (colored).....	4
C. M. Cole.....	3 E. B. Young.....	2

TEACHERS AND GRADES OF THEIR CERTIFICATES—Continued.

W. A. Rankin.....	5	J. W. Brannon.....	1
A. T. Maddox.....	2	J. W. Smith.....	2
S. W. King.....	2	C. R. Poling.....	3
Maggie Knight.....	2	W. S. Duff.....	5
Lizzie Rogers.....	2	S. G. Waugh.....	5
W. S. McKay.....	3	S. L. Parsons.....	2
Otho M. Stone.....	2	E. H. Flinn.....	5
J. M. Carney.....	2	W. D. Keefer.....	1
W. A. Carney.....	4	J. H. G. Winter.....	1
J. M. Silaz.....	3	Rebecca Brown.....	2
W. P. Kerwood.....	3	William Sleeth.....	2
W. H. Maddox.....	3	J. D. Clinton.....	3
J. O. Martin.....	1	Charles Coast.....	3
J. T. Corbin.....	5	Jennie Briscoe.....	1
N. Duffield.....	4	S. E. Duer.....	3
Rebecca Brown.....	4	George Carter.....	1
Mattie Halsey.....	5	G. H. Duff.....	2
Clara Kennedy.....	1	Mary Carnahan.....	2
Ruth E. Johnston.....	2	David Knight.....	1
Lettie Lewis.....	2	W. C. Dunlap.....	2
Rhetta McLaughlin (deceased).....	2	Leander Miller.....	1
Augustus Allen.....	2	G. A. Davis.....	3
Aletha Fleming.....	1	J. A. Johnston.....	3
Melvina Allen.....	3	Fannie Hayes.....	2
Joanna Ramsey.....	5	Charles Treasige.....	2
J. R. Smith.....	1	J. P. Kines.....	2
R. H. Hughes.....	1	E. Hutton.....	1
C. M. Cole.....	2	Miss Bell Hutton.....	2
J. A. Cole.....	1	W. L. Hughes.....	1
Adt Ranier.....	2	D. W. Newton.....	2
C. E. Ward.....	2	H. P. Holbert.....	1
S. M. Rose.....	2	R. D. Hardesty.....	2
J. W. King.....	2	A. Maddox.....	3
L. M. Roberts.....	2	J. T. Corbin.....	3
Ella G. Tidd.....	2	W. A. Carney.....	3
G. T. Doughlass.....	1	W. S. Duff.....	3
Auma Taylor.....	1	A. B. Reedy.....	3
Linda Webster.....	2	J. M. Carney.....	1
V. W. Leavitt.....	3	W. L. Pullins.....	2
J. H. Kaer.....	1	E. H. McLaughlin.....	1
D. S. Gau-Ice.....	3	J. S. Davis.....	0
W. H. Price.....	2	S. W. Davis.....	0
C. H. Flinn.....	5	E. Gates.....	0
J. W. Stratton.....	3	J. T. Stephens.....	0
J. W. King, Jr.....	5	C. R. Comstock.....	0
J. E. Kountz.....	6	J. D. Stanley.....	0
D. D. Karr.....	1	S. S. Maddox.....	0
Early Carder.....	1	S. Kiser.....	0
William Sleeth.....	3	A. Harpold.....	0
T. A. Sayre.....	5	W. A. Smith.....	0
P. H. Slavens.....	3	Thomas Dewith.....	0
W. H. O'Brien.....	2		

JEFFERSON COUNTY—JOHN HESS, *Sup't.*

Free schools are, by no means, a new thing to the people of this county. Under the provisions of an act of the State of Virginia, establishing free schools in the counties of Frederick and Jefferson, a system of free schools was adopted by a majority of two-thirds of the voters of Jefferson county in 1848, which continued in operation until 1861. It was a simple and efficient law, and gave general satisfaction. And though our present system differs much from that, but few of our citizens are opposed to public schools, and as the system improves, and the management of our schools and school funds grow

better, the system will increase in public favor, and when the officers and teachers discharge their respective duties with efficiency, all opposition will cease.

The character of our schools is improving from year to year. The teachers are now better prepared for their work, and the people are becoming more interested in the schools, and select better men for school officers. The several Boards of Education of our county are composed of our very best citizens, and generally perform their duties well, but many of the trustees, though intelligent and good men, fail to visit the schools, and make the reports which the law requires. It is impossible for the County Superintendent to visit regularly and frequently all the schools in the county, but if trustees, Boards of Education and literary men in the vicinity of schools would visit them occasionally and report the result of their visits to the Superintendent, he would, in this way, be kept informed of the wants of the several schools, and be prepared to meet them.

There are 42 schools in the county, 32 white and 10 colored. There are employed in these schools 33 white and 11 colored teachers. Most of these teachers are natives of the county, and those that are not have been teaching in the county for a number of years. This, in a great measure, accounts for the popularity of our schools. Our people appreciate native talent, and prefer home teachers, and those educated in our own schools. I visited all the schools of the county except one, and found the most of them in good condition. But few changes have been made in the teachers this year.

No county in the State, I presume, has done, or is doing as much for the education of the colored people as this, though it is one of those counties called "rebel."

STORER COLLEGE.

This is an Institution for the education of colored persons, and is located at Harper's Ferry, in this county. It is in charge of the Rev. N. C. Brackett, as principal, with several assistants, and is in a highly prosperous condition, doing a good work for those whom it is intended mostly to benefit. Of the ten colored schools in this county five or six are taught by graduates of this school. They manage their schools remarkably well, and are encouraged and sustained in their work by the whites, who show a great interest in the education of the colored people of the county.

The great hinderance to the prosperity and efficiency of our schools is non-attendance. In some districts more than one-third of the children enrolled never attend school, and in others the attend-

ance is very irregular. Various reasons are assigned for this, such as "the want of books," "must keep children at home to help do the work," "the want of suitable clothing," &c. I think from observation that much of the non-attendance could be remedied by each county or district levying a small tax, say two mills, for the purpose of furnishing each school with all the books it might need. Could such a plan be adopted, the complaint of non-attendance, in nine out of ten cases, would, in my opinion, in a great measure cease.

SHEPHERD COLLEGE.

My report would be incomplete without giving a statement of the origin, progress and work done by Shepherd College, a branch of the State Normal School, which has added so much to the efficiency of our public schools.

This school is located at Shepherdstown, in this county, and went fully into operation as a Normal School September 9th, 1873.

The buildings are commodious, well ventilated and admirably arranged for school purposes, consisting of a main building 75x40 feet, two stories high, built of brick, with a portico, and surmounted by a cupola containing a large clock; to this building were subsequently added two wings, containing each two rooms 24x16 feet. The building occupies an eminence near the centre of the town, and is surrounded by large and ornamented grounds. The whole property is valued at about \$45,000, and has been fitted up, furnished, and devoted to school purposes without any cost to the State.

While the county seat was at Shepherdstown this property was used as a Court House, but in February, 1871, the county seat having been restored to Charlestown, Prof. Joseph McMurran applied to Mr. Peter Brooks, the owner of the property, for the use of the buildings for the purpose of opening therein an English and Scientific school. Permission was readily granted, and the property leased to a board of trustees at a nominal rent, for a term of years, and renewable as long as used for the purpose specified in the lease.

The school was named "Shepherd College," in honor of the late Rezin D. Shepherd, who owned the property, and had erected the main building. The school was opened September 2, 1872, by Prof. Jos. McMurran, with two assistants and 47 pupils. The principal and trustees feeling the great want of a school that would give more attention to instruction in the English branches, and the practical branches of a scientific course, determined to make this an intermediate school, between the graded and high school, and the more advanced collegiate and scientific schools, and to open it to both sexes.

They saw too, that the State needed just such a school to co-operate with the other schools of the State, in developing her material interests and improving her system of public instruction ; and in order to become more fully identified with the State system of instruction, application was made to the Legislature to establish in said College a Normal School. An act was passed by the Legislature February 27th, 1872, and approved, establishing in Shepherd College a branch of the State Normal School, but the act was not put in operation until November 21st, 1872, when the State Board of Regents formally organized the school. The next Legislature, however, by an act passed February 14th, 1873, amended the former act, placing the school under a different Board of Regents, but before this act went into operation it was repealed by an act in the "Amended School Law," passed April 12th, 1873, and the school again placed under the State Board of Regents. Owing to these several changes in the legislation on the subject, the school did not get fully under way as a Normal School until September 9th, 1873.

THE WORK IT HAS DONE.

The first year, 1873-4, it had 145 pupils in attendance ; 78 ladies and 67 gentlemen. There were graduated this year in the normal course 12 ladies and 9 gentlemen ; of this number 14 are either now or have been teaching, though many of them were pay scholars, and did not enter with the intention of becoming teachers. The second year, 1874-75, there were 160 pupils in attendance, 78 ladies and 82 gentlemen. There were graduated this year, in the normal course, 17 ladies and 11 gentlemen ; of this number 6 are now teaching, and more would be if they could obtain situations. Many of these were pay scholars, and did not enter with a view of fitting themselves for teachers, but were induced to engage in teaching by the training they had received, and familiarity with the work.

The third year, 1875-76, there were in attendance 136 pupils, 60 ladies and 76 gentlemen. There were graduated this year, in the normal course, 11 ladies and 16 gentlemen ; of this number 3 are now teaching, and others failing to obtain situations have returned to school to fit themselves for higher positions in the profession of teaching.

Wherever I have met, in my official visits, teachers from this school, I have found the school in good order and prosperous, and the patrons and pupils anxious to retain their teacher.

I have attended the examination of the pupils, and can speak knowingly of the thorough work the school is doing in preparing

teachers for our public schools. It is infusing new life into our schools, and is of great help to our school work. It has shown that there is such a thing as "professional training" for the teacher's work, and that they are under better teachers by such training, which, added to experience in the school room, gives teachers a great advantage over those who have to depend entirely on experience for their training.

This school is progressive in its manner of imparting instruction. The old methods of confining the recitation to the questions and answers in the text book is abandoned, and the pupils are trained to frame their own questions and answers.

In the year 1872-73, in which the school was opened under many discouragements and difficulties, the income from tuition was \$666.75, and it received from the State \$2,000.

The most of this fund was used in fitting up the building, and heating the rooms, &c., for the anticipated increase of pupils.

In the year 1873-74, the rates of tuition were \$10, \$15 and \$20, and the income this year from tuition was \$1,154.50; and received from the State nothing.

In the year 1874-75, the rates of tuition were fixed by the Regents at \$20, \$25 and \$32, and the income from tuition was \$1,667.61, and received from the State \$1,500.

In the year 1875-76, the income from tuition was \$1,925.65, and received from the State \$1,000.

There have been employed in the school since September 1873, each year, four teachers, three male and one female, at an average salary of \$800. The salaries were fixed by the Board of Regents, but the amounts promised have only been fully paid for one or two years, the teachers running all risks, and receiving only such salaries as the income of the school will pay.

The present session, 1876-77, has opened with about 80 pupils, and the number, I have no doubt, will reach 100 or more by December. Under the admirable management of Prof. McMurran and his able assistants, the school is so well organized and classified that the several classes can be taught with great efficiency and thoroughness by the teachers employed, and the whole managed with little trouble.

As the buildings, grounds, and fitting up the school rooms have cost the State nothing, and she can ill afford to lose this great advantage to her educational interests and public school system in this part of the State, by failing to make some provision to remunerate the school for the amount of work it has done, and is still doing, gratuitously, for the State, in preparing teachers for her public schools, and affording the means of

a higher education to many worthy and promising youths, who would not otherwise have an opportunity of continuing their studies.

When the teachers trained in this school are a little more advanced in age, which is the greatest obstacle in the way at present, their services will be sought after, to take charge of our public schools.

TEACHERS AND GRADES OF THEIR CERTIFICATES.

C. W. Cooper.....	1	R. C. Bragonier.....	1
J. A. Shirley.....	1	Miss M. E. Sybole.....	2
H. C. Evans.....	1	J. P. Hess.....	1
L. E. Scott.....	1	R. H. Ryon.....	1
Mary E. Garrett.....	1	L. C. Strider.....	1
Cassie G. Haines.....	1	H. Chilson.....	1
Fannie V. Miller.....	1	J. E. Mason (colored).....	4
T. N. Hill.....	2	C. W. Cooper.....	-
H. Chilson.....	1	James A. Shirley.....	1
J. T. Butler (colored).....	1	H. C. Evans.....	1
W. S. Barnes (colored).....	2	L. E. Scott.....	1
C. Wainwright (colored).....	2	T. N. Hill.....	1
W. Rhues.....	4	J. R. Johnson.....	1
R. B. Garrett.....	1	R. B. Garrett.....	3
B. W. Cook.....	1	T. W. Lightner.....	-
J. A. Irving (colored).....	3	G. H. C. Backus.....	1
J. W. Kirk (colored).....	4	R. H. Ryon.....	1
Mrs. E. Schonkee.....	1	T. W. Latimer.....	1
Mrs. C. G. Haines.....	1	J. P. Hess.....	1
Miss F. V. Miller.....	1	E. H. Reinhart.....	1
Miss A. Cross.....	1	H. Chilson.....	1
Miss E. M. Snader.....	2	J. H. Trussell.....	1
Miss N. P. Loughlin.....	1	J. Barry.....	1
Miss M. F. Strider.....	3	C. F. Castleman.....	1
G. A. Long.....	1	J. D. Fayman.....	1
J. A. Shirley.....	1	A. E. Cockerell.....	2
J. A. Brooks.....	2	A. B. Davis.....	1
J. R. Johnson.....	3	E. J. Williams.....	1
E. Schaeffer.....	3	W. D. McNulty.....	3
W. M. Deck.....	1	B. W. Cook.....	1
T. N. Hill.....	2	Miss A. Butler.....	1
T. W. Lightner.....	1	Miss N. O'Loughlin.....	1
W. W. Barnhouse.....	1	Miss M. E. Sibole.....	2
G. H. C. Backus.....	1	Miss F. V. Miller.....	1
Mary E. Franklin (colored).....	1	Mrs. C. G. Haines.....	1
J. E. Clifford (colored).....	1	Miss M. B. Garrett.....	1
J. T. Butler (colored).....	1	Mrs. P. Schonkee.....	1
J. W. Kirk (colored).....	4	Miss A. Cross.....	1
W. W. Grimes (colored).....	2	L. L. Page (colored).....	3
L. L. Page (colored).....	2	J. Turley (colored).....	2
W. A. Arter.....	1	W. A. Arter (colored).....	2
W. A. Thomas.....	2	W. W. Grimes (colored).....	3
J. A. Irving.....	3	W. A. Thomas.....	2
J. H. Trussell.....	1	W. L. Barnes.....	2
E. H. Reinhart.....	1	C. Wainwright.....	2
J. H. Triplett.....	2	J. T. Butler.....	1
T. W. Latimer.....	1	W. Rhue.....	4
Miss A. Butler.....	1	J. A. Irving.....	5
Miss M. B. Garrett.....	1	J. W. Kirk.....	4

KANAWHA COUNTY—MARTIN HILL, *Sup't.*

I take great pleasure in congratulating the people of the county that this year has been one of great prosperity to the schools, and while the cry of "hard times" may have had a tendency to retard the material wealth of the county to some extent closing the avenues of

industries, our furnaces and mines, yet our free schools have been extending their sphere of usefulness with unabating zeal and determination.

A renewed interest has been manifested by our citizens in promoting the welfare of these institutions of learning which should be gratifying to every friend of education—every lover of his race.

Our teachers have very generally shown an interest and enthusiasm in their work that entitle them to our highest consideration and fraternal respect; and the people honor them for all their labors of love and duty bestowed upon their children.

In some portions of the county, the children have been sorely afflicted with disease, which has seriously affected their attendance at school; yet the facts show an increase of attendance in the number of pupils this year over that of past years that is in the highest degree gratifying to all the people.

It is to the zeal, energy, and ability of our faithful and efficient teachers that the satisfactory and gratifying progress of our schools must be attributed. It is to the work of such teachers that we are indebted for the firm hold that our free schools have upon the public mind; and it is upon their shoulders that the future destiny of our country and of our civilization rests. This class of teachers always welcomes the visits of the school officers, and are pleased with the closest inspection of their school management, knowing that "it is by their works we are to know them." With pride and satisfaction can I point the people to our faithful and devoted *home teachers*, and commend them for the good they have accomplished, and for their cheerful compliance with my general plans, so that, in the language of the law, "uniformity in the course of study, and methods of instruction employed have been secured, as far as practicable, in all the schools, respectively." For the purpose of improving the condition of teachers and schools, soon after I was inducted into office, a call was published to the teachers, inviting them to meet for the purpose of organizing a County Teachers' Association. To which about fifty-five persons responded, teachers of both sexes, professional gentlemen, and friends of education, who at once organized and adopted a constitution and proceeded to business. They have been productive of great good to the cause, inspiring the members living in various parts of the county to form kindred District Associations, which have proven to be valuable auxiliaries to the general cause, and in awakening an interest in behalf of free schools hitherto unknown in their localities—blazing the entire neighborhood. I trust the time may never come when our teachers will lose confidence in the importance and necessity of these Associations as patent instrumentalities for the improvement

their schools, and the elevation of the profession of teaching. But, like all other human agencies employed to benefit our fellowmen, these Associations cannot exist without *material aid*. Heretofore, no assessment has been made upon the membership to pay for suitable instructors and lecturers at our meetings, and thus far, they have been paid for such services out of my own limited means. I have never asked assistance from any of my fellow-teachers to aid in this matter, because a majority of them are compelled to teach for a small salary, and cannot, without embarrassment, contribute means for this purpose. As the law requires that superintendents encourage the formation of these Associations for the improvement of teachers, it is to be hoped that the Legislature will so amend the law as to permit one-half the fees charged for the examination of teachers to be applied to the payment of instructors and lecturers of these Associations, under the direction of the county superintendent. Important and necessary as are these Associations, they are by no means the panacea for all the numerous evils incident to the free school system. I believe the most important and necessary instrumentalities for the success of the system, are the normal schools of the State. They are achieving results far-reaching in extent, and sending a corps of thoroughly qualified teachers who are living down the noisy opposition of mere partizans, and the narrow views of many of the professed friends of education.

To encourage the youth of the county during the year, I offered a reward, Webster's Unabridged Dictionary, to that pupil who would present, through his teacher, the fairest and best report for punctuality, scholarship and deportment during the term. Quite a handsome number of these reports reached me, all of which were exceedingly gratifying, meritorious and worthy. The fullest record received was from Prof. H. N. Nash, teacher, recommending Miss Addie Clarke, of Charleston District. Accordingly, the prize was awarded to her at the close of the public meeting of the Association, July 14, 1876.

Within the year, I visited one hundred and fifty schools, and found the most of them in a very good condition, well supplied with buckets, brooms, blackboards, shovels, pokers, &c., suitable for the accommodation of the schools; but I regret to say, that I found in a few of them a lamentable neglect of these necessaries, and on careful examination, I found that the difficulty was occasioned by and between the supposed powers of the boards of education and the trustees.

To obviate these occurrences, it is to be hoped the Legislature will, this winter, pass a law which shall prevent the possibility of such troubles, which now produce so many disastrous results, and foster many vexatious neighborhood difficulties.

A majority of the schools were well managed ; good order, neatness, prompt and cheerful obedience, hard study, and excellent scholarship were clearly manifested. In a few, I found a low grade of scholarship, some disorder, and a want of proper discipline. I am free to say, however, that in the rural districts more regard was given to good morals and manners than was manifested in the towns and villages. Why this should be so, I am at a loss to say, and let others determine.

A number of good, new school houses has been built within the year, affording better accommodations to the youth, combining a greater number of natural advantages, with an eye to neatness, convenience and health, and beauty of location, which have been occupied by live teachers, who have secured a regularity of attendance, thus increasing a school interest among the people ; the good effects of all of which are apparent to the most casual observer. During the next year, despite the tightness of the times and the strenuousness of monetary affairs, quite a number of school houses will be built in this county.

Without being considered a dogmatist, I think our system, as a whole, is too complicated ; and believe that the machinery of it should be characterized by as much simplicity as is compatible with its efficient action.

Some changes in the law are loudly demanded. In addition to those before named, we suggest that there should be three trustees, instead of one, as at present. Our people dread a "one-man power." We recommend that only twenty days be required for a school month. In addition to the branches now required by law to be taught, I recommend physiology and book-keeping. In many of the States these studies are pursued in the free schools, giving great satisfaction to all concerned. Is it too much to hope for, that our noble Mountain State, young though she be, may not be brought, by legislative enactment, to the point of keeping step with the progressive spirit of the age ? Truly this is *annus mirabilis* ; and happy is he who partakes of its spirit, and contemplates the countless blessings and sublime hopes it confers upon him who appreciates its benign influences upon his fellow man throughout Christendom. I am not insensible of the fact that, notwithstanding all my well-meant endeavors to do some good to the county schools, to whose interests I have ever been ardently attached, I still feel that much remains to be done ; that a man in this position, in order to be of great use to others, must be familiar with the free school system of this and other States, and with the habitudes of thought, feeling, and

action of those who are most actively employed in their prosperity and maintenance, so as to be fully able to render available the minutiae of their arrangements, and with special modes of instruction, which can be gained alone by personal inspection, and can never be shadowed forth in a written report. Between a mere composition, however able and grand, and this full, fresh, and breathing knowledge, there is the same difference as there is between a marble statue and a living man. The greatest desire I have is to be able to possess, in some degree, this rare endowment, that I may be of greater use to the educational cause in the county. For such purposes I shall be continuously employing those powers of mind and thought which have been bestowed by the All-Wise upon one of the least worthy of His creatures.

To the teachers, school officers, and friends of education generally, who have kindly, promptly, and generously aided me, on my annual visitations, I return unfeigned acknowledgments of gratitude; trusting that in God's good providence we may be unitedly enabled to achieve much more good, and be the means of conferring greater blessings to the cause of learning the ensuing year than we have hitherto done, is my sincere desire.

TEACHERS AND GRADES OF THEIR CERTIFICATES.

E. M. Aults.....	1	O. T. Thomas.....	2
C. P. Dorr.....	1	Morris Griffith.....	1
J. W. Holstein.....	2	J. W. Kirk.....	3
G. A. Maston.....	2	Lucy M. Clark.....	1
C. M. Crist.....	2	Flora Armstrong.....	1
J. Zeigler.....	1	M. S. Vanhorn.....	1
Maria S. Gillespie.....	2	S. H. Campbell.....	1
M. T. Burdett.....	2	M. H. Epfin.....	1
J. A. Snell.....	2	I. S. Lavender.....	1
J. V. Henderson.....	3	Maria Grow.....	2
Lacy T. Steele.....	3	H. B. Rice.....	1
W. E. Chilton.....	1	J. P. Kelley.....	1
Virginia B. Adkins.....	3	C. B. Graham.....	1
W. A. Noyes	2	M. D. Shoffer.....	3
E. R. Thomas.....	2	M. Strauss.....	2
P. W. Mitchell.....	2	W. Fields.....	1
J. E. Hoffman.....	1	S. B. Johnson.....	2
J. T. Lanham.....	2	W. R. Cummings.....	2
G. I. Gillespie.....	2	J. S. Bowen.....	1
Wm. Thaxton.....	2	I. Bannister.....	1
S. D. McCormack.....	1	B. Spence.....	2
J. C. Bray.....	1	F. Bannister.....	1
J. C. Warner.....	1	S. Aults.....	1
C. C. Johnson.....	2	A. T. Mairs.....	2
Isaac Ross.....	2	A. Dulin.....	1
Harvey Morris.....	4	A. Irwin.....	2
G. M. Crist.....	2	J. B. Mairs.....	1
L. W. Bowers.....	2	I. B. Elswick.....	1
Wm. Davis.....	1	I. T. Sneeden.....	1
Sarah Traub.....	2	H. H. Young.....	1
I. C. Counts.....	2	Jasper Young.....	1
Leatha M. Bowles.....	2	Livy Walker.....	1
W. C. Steele.....	1	M. Mathews.....	1
J. H. Dillard.....	4	S. Staunton.....	1
J. P. Kelly.....	2	T. Swinburn.....	1
L. D. Holstein.....	3	S. S. Webb.....	1
J. H. Cooper.....	2	B. T. Washington.....	1

TEACHERS AND GRADES OF THEIR CERTIFICATES.—Continued.

R. R. Putney.....	2	S. Crouch.....	8
S. Chapman.....	1	S. White.....	2
Belle DaShield.....	1	Emma Walker.....	1
Julia McFarland.....	1	F. N. Lynch.....	1
Emma Allen.....	1	Mary Lynch.....	3
F. P. Swann.....	1	A. C. Wilson.....	2
Ellen Buffington.....	2	Moses Hall.....	3
R. S. Padan.....	1	B. A. Melton.....	2
H. T. Woodey.....	1	Benjamin Slack.....	1
L. Proctor.....	3	M. Harden.....	3
Charles Hill.....	1	S. A. Motley.....	2
Roland Hill.....	2	B. L. Duff.....	2
Virginia Hill.....	2	W. T. M. Iam.....	2
E. S. Walker.....	1	C. V. Holstein.....	2
N. J. Spriggle.....	2	Addie Walker.....	2
P. S. Jackson.....	2	W. P. Campbell.....	3
Charles Martin.....	2	E. B. Slack.....	2
E. B. Morgan.....	1	Harry Morris.....	3
W. R. Jones.....	1	M. Carter.....	4
L. C. Rose.....	1	I. I. Ashley.....	1
W. I. Grow.....	2	E. Burrell.....	4
J. H. Lynch.....	1	W. Tarry.....	5
T. H. White.....	2	I. H. Kinnison.....	1
G. R. McClanahan.....	2	T. E. Melton.....	3
R. F. Paine.....	2	G. A. Keynolds.....	2
A. M. Boone.....	3		

LEWIS COUNTY.—G. W. CROOK, *Sup't.*.

The statistical part of this report is, in the main, correct; but I cannot vouch for the financial, as I think no human sagacity can tell anything about it—and never will till a settlement is had with the sheriff and respective boards.

Some of the secretaries bungle their books—most shamefully.

I would have assisted the erring ones in preparing their reports, if I could have derived any intelligence from their books, but believing that I knew less about them than they did, I thought it better to let them decipher them the best they could. I have called their attention to the form as laid down in the late edition of the School Law, for keeping financial accounts of this class, and I have authorized its use, which I know it adopted, will relieve them of much embarrassment in the future.

With regard to the schools, sir, I am happy to report, that every school house in the county was occupied last winter for the full term of four months, save those in Collin's Settlement district, which were required to suspend one week short of the specified time by reason of pecuniary embarrassment—an error having been made in laying the levy. For the present season, the levy has been laid in all the school districts, with the intention of continuing the schools for the required term.

Our teachers are steadily improving. I think their efforts are

highly commendable. Some attend select schools—some the Normal schools, while others find their way to the different colleges and seminaries both in and out of the State. I regret, however, to see many of our better class of teachers leave the ranks for other fields of labor as soon as favorable circumstances present themselves—only making the profession of teacher a stepping stone for something better. The greatest impediment in the way of successful operation in the school system which I have observed, is on the part of the parents in not sending their children to school regularly. It is astonishingly strange to witness the manifest indifference on the part of so many people in reference to the free school system. The enumeration as reported for 1875; exceeded 3,800 pupils, or children between the age of six and twenty-one. Now, during my visits to the *country* schools last winter (and I visited every school in the county except one and that was not in operation in the winter season, and several twice,) I found less than 1,800 pupils in the school room; and the statistics of this report show,—even including the independent district of Weston—an average attendance of less than 2,000.

I blame the teachers to a great extent for this limited attendance, as I think they are not as earnest in their labors in trying to secure greater attendance as they should be. I am doing all I can to increase the attendance the coming winter.

The Weston Graded School opened in September with Prof. Louis Bennett as Principal, aided by a corps of two male and four female assistants—among whom is found as first assistant, Prof. James J. Peterson of the Morgantown University. Prof. Peterson is a graduate and a fine scholar.

A few of the country schools have opened, and I think by the 15th of the present month a majority of them will be in operation.

The building in Hacker's creek, Freemans creek and Skin creek districts will soon cease for a time, as these districts discarded log houses early in the campaign of free schools of this county. Court House and Collin's Settlement, however, have comparatively few frame buildings; and I fear it will be some time before they will be replaced with better buildings.

TEACHERS AND GARDERS OF THEIR CERTIFICATES.

Miss Biddle Greene.....	3	J. W. Bruffey.....	8
Miss Virginia Hefner.....	3	G. A. Helmick.....	3
Miss Mintie Clark	3	Miss Ella M. Townsend.....	1
J. P. Allman.....	1	W. S. Hammer.....	3
F. G. Brown	1	John Morrow.....	2
C. C. Hersman.....	1	S. G. Yoke.....	1
S. W. J. Bailey.....	1	Miss Cora Wilson.....	2
John C. Rexroad.....	2	J. S. Hall, (Ex-Supt).....	1
T. H. Kemper.....	2	E. T. Craig.....	1
G. C. Lawson.....	1	Charles McCutcheon.....	3
J. A. Stralley.....	2	L. H. Hall.....	1
J. T. Mundell.....	3	W. H. Greene.....	1
A. C. Hatterman.....	1	J. S. Shepler.....	1
Samuel Larentz.....	2	S. G. Bird.....	5
Frank McKinley.....	2	E. I. Hall.....	2
C. S. McWhorter.....	1	Miss Lizzie Cook.....	2
Alice Brown.....	3	W. B. Linger.....	4
Francis Taylor.....	2	John E. Hall.....	2
L. A. Bond.....	2	W. F. Powers.....	2
C. L. Rohrbaugh.....	2	C. A. Powers.....	2
J. D. Simmons.....	2	E. H. Kester.....	2
R. A. Moffitt.....	3	J. M. West.....	2
Miss Lizzie Morris.....	2	Hamilton Crites.....	1
W. B. Fisher.....	2	Miss Mary Collins.....	3
C. H. Fisher.....	2	Miss Mary Melvey.....	4
Jas. E. Jarvis.....	2	V. B. McGary.....	2
Jas. C. Fisher.....	3	Miss Kate Cook.....	2
William Darlington.....	2	B. T. Mulvanney.....	5
Miss Maggie Lorentz.....	3	Wm. G. Harrison.....	1
G. V. Forinash.....	1	R. T. Gillooly.....	4
Patrick Fahey.....	4	R. H. Watson.....	3
Miss Manda Forinash.....	2	J. L. Freeman.....	2
Miss Lucie Spalding.....	3	J. F. Freeman.....	1
Miss Mary Spalding.....	2	P. P. Flint.....	1
Miss Alice Forinash.....	2	J. J. Kemper.....	1
H. M. Hardman.....	2	A. D. Law.....	1
David Glasscock.....	3	C. F. Law.....	1
Reed Powers.....	3	Bridget McDonald.....	4
S. W. Linger.....	2	A. N. Dodson.....	2
L. S. Wetzel.....	1	R. L. Coburn.....	2
Miss Z. E. Bruffey.....	1	Dexter Peterson.....	2
J. S. Dean.....	1	Mrs. E. M. Gibson.....	2
C. L. Brown.....	2		

LINCOLN COUNTY—T. M. VICKERS, *Sup't.*

Lincoln county is divided into eight districts, Sheridan, Jefferson, Laurel Hill, Hart's Creek, Carroll, Union, Washington and Duval. You will see from my statistical report that Hart's Creek and Jefferson continued their schools only three months. The board laid the levy to the extent of the law, and that with the State fund were not sufficient to continue the schools longer than three months.

I visited the most of the schools last winter, and found the majority of them in a prosperous condition. The school at Hamlin taught by Professor W. W. Baker, was delayed until the first of January, caused by the new school house not being completed until that time. A number of the teachers whose schools had expired became pupils during the term.

We had three select schools taught during the summer. One at

Hamlin, by Professor B. B. Curry; one at the mouth of Sugar Tree, by Professor C. McCallister, and one at Flat creek, by Professor W. E. Chilton. A goodly number of those who were teachers during the winter joined those schools and made great efforts for general improvement, and I think that it will be but a short time before Lincoln county, can boast of as good teachers as any county in the State, provided they are not compelled to seek other fields of operation on account of the sheriff's claiming to have no school money, in order to shave their paper. It is a lamentable fact that paper on districts that have money in the hands of the sheriff can be bought at one-third discount.

Carrol district has more than twelve hundred dollars in the hands of the sheriff for which the board of education has brought suit in the circuit court.

We had a vacancy in the board of examiners last fall, caused by the death of John Clark, and the school law being silent as to how such vacancies are to be filled, it caused considerable contention.

All of the districts have made the required levy for this year.

TEACHERS AND GRADES OF THEIR CERTIFICATES.

Miss Almeda Chapman.....	2	Miss Ellen Smith.....	3
Miss Alice Chapman.....	2	G. J. Kayser.....	1
L. S. McCoy.....	3	Floyd Counts.....	5
John Thornton.....	2	Miss Jennie Brown.....	2
John Pullen.....	3	George McGhee.....	C
J. P. Harmon.....	3	William A. Carroll.....	4
Ira Pinkerman.....	4	J. V. Henderson.....	2
R. V. Powell.....	3	Timothy Smith.....	2
J. H. Morrison.....	3	J. S. Jenkins.....	2
W. W. Baker.....	1	B. B. Curry.....	1
Cordon McCallister.....	1	Marion Johnson.....	1
William McKender.....	0	Griffin Kennison.....	3
J. C. Black.....	3	A. W. Austin.....	2
David Showalter.....	4	Miss Eliza Harrison.....	3
L. W. Simpson.....	0	John May.....	2
A. C. Hilbert.....	2	Miss Rachel Thornton.....	2
J. M. Marcum.....	3	John Pearson.....	2
J. H. Swann.....	2	Wm. Pearson.....	2
Rufus Stowers.....	4	Mrs. Octavia Adkins.....	2
Miss E. A. Stone.....	2	William Heck.....	2
Miss Alice Dingess.....	2	G. W. Smith.....	2
S. W. Oxley.....	2	Harrison Griffith.....	2
W. A. Smith.....	3		

LOGAN COUNTY—J. W. STAFFORD, *Sup't.*

TRIADELPHIA DISTRICT.

Triadelphia District contains thirteen sub-districts. Nine schools have been in operation during the year for a period of one-and-a-half month's average, with an aggregate cost of three hundred and eighty-two dollars and ninety-one cents.

The financial condition of this district is satisfactory. The secretary's report shows a balance on hand of teachers' fund at the end of

the school year of seven hundred and thirty-two dollars and forty-eight cents; also a balance on hand of building fund at the end of school year of fifty-eight dollars and ninety-two cents—making a total of eight hundred and ninety-one dollars and seventy-seven cents..

LOGAN.

Logan district is divided into fourteen sub districts, having thirteen schools, with an aggregate of thirty-nine months taught during the present school year, with an aggregate cost of thirteen hundred and fifty-nine dollars and twelve cents. This Board has provided by levying and building comfortable houses, and most of the trustees are endeavoring to hire the best teachers they can procure for the schools.

CHAPMANSVILLE.

Chapmansville District has nine sub-districts, with a good school-house in each, built from the proceeds of levies upon the property of the district. This district voted the levy last August for the purpose of carrying on the schools during the present scholastic year.

HARDEE.

Hardee district is divided into eighteen sub-districts, with eighteen schools, aggregating forty-two months. It has sixteen tolerably comfortable school houses. The Board has made a levy for the purpose of building the other houses, and for repairing also.

MAGNOLIA.

Magnolia District contains eight sub districts, with six school-houses. The number of schools taught are six, with an aggregate of twenty-two months. The aggregate cost of each pupil was seven dollars and sixty cents. The financial condition of this district is good. The secretary's report shows a balance of seven hundred and fifty-five dollars and twelve cents; also a balance of building fund amounting to one hundred and nineteen dollars and forty-two cents.

CONCLUSION.

It is with much satisfaction that I report a healthier state of public opinion in connection with our free-school system. Education is beginning to exercise the minds of our people to a considerable degree. They recognize the fact that we live in a progressive age, and, to keep pace with the progressive spirit of the day, the minds of the young should be cultivated and developed—hence a marked change is taking

place in our midst, which will eventually redound to the intelligence and prosperity of our county. Our motto is now *Excelsior*, and, as the waves of a strong sea are irresistible in their onward course of destruction, so will education, as a great tidal-wave, sweep from our midst ignorance, pauperism and vice.

TEACHERS AND GRADES OF THEIR CERTIFICATES.

William A. Lee.....	2	Nathaniel P. Browning.....	4
L. D. Dempsey.....	5	G. M. Ball.....	2
Inman Goldsmith.....	4	James P. Moore.....	3
Miss Minerva A. Brisden.....	2	John F. Aldridge.....	2
Isaac H. C. Christian.....	1	Mrs. Ida J. McDonald.....	4
John Covert.....	1	C. H. Luke.....	1
W. H. Black.....	1	James S. P. Stafford.....	2
Lorenzo D. Dempsey.....	3	Dr. M. Howard.....	2
James Chapman.....	3	Charles L. McDonald.....	1
Joseph H. Bell.....	3	Edward A. Bowles.....	2
Gilbert M. Ball.....	3	James J. Christian.....	2
George E. Bryan.....	2	William O'Brien.....	1
John B. Floyd.....	1	W. H. Harris.....	1
J. A. Casady.....	1	Lewis Dempsey.....	1
Levi Evans.....	2	Samuel Stollings.....	3
Weasly Stollings.....	1	Jacob E. Toler.....	3
James A. Justice.....	3	P. G. Buchanan.....	3
John P. Justice.....	3	Malchi Staten.....	3
W. S. Brown.....	3	Perry G. Altizer.....	2
Miss R. E. Deskins.....	2	John Collins.....	3
Elijah Stone.....	2		

MARION COUNTY—J. M. SATTERFIELD, *Sup't.*

The following statements, together with the usual statistical and financial exhibits, are respectfully submitted as constituting my report of the condition of free schools in Marion county, for the year ending August 31, 1876.

The secretaries of the boards of education have, at this date, all reported, thus enabling me to make out my report in due form. For this act of promptness upon their part, as well as for the regularity with which they have discharged their duties generally, during the year, they deserve much credit. Their reports, though containing numerous small errors, which I have been enabled to correct, are, I believe, as full and complete in every particular as, with the data they could command, it was possible to make them: and I flatter myself that I have compiled from them as perfect a report for the county as has yet been sent in to your office. I do not claim, however, that my report is entirely free from error, for imperfections of some sort or other, under existing circumstances, are only to be expected; but it is believed that the errors it contains are quite few, while it is a comfort to know that, year by year, in reporting the operations of our system of public instruction, we may approach nearer and nearer to accuracy, as that system itself becomes more and more perfect.

The cause of education in our county continues steadily to advance, and we believe the hearts of our people to-day are more firmly united to our public schools than ever before—that the two have become so strongly wedded that their asseveration, in whatever manner produced, would be an act of such violence as would cause our better citizens to mourn and refuse to be comforted. It is acknowledged on almost all hands that a system of free education has wrought for us as a county and part of a State, a chain of the noblest results, which could not otherwise have been obtained—an intellectual wealth, that returns in way of public benefits, ten-fold for every expenditure incurred. So convincing in their favor has been our experience in connection with common schools, that there remains among us but few actual enemies to the system; and the time is not distant, I apprehend, when all will have become its true friends. Grumbling in consequence of conceived heavy taxes, and the oft-repeated heart-saying, uttered in the act of meeting their taxes—"it is a gift by whatsoever you may be profited, &c.,"—will be no longer indulged. The people are comprehending as never heretofore, that the education of the young and rising generation is a debt they owe to society at large; and wherever this truth has found way to their hearts, their equitable portions of that debt are discharged without a murmur. May the time hasten when not a single individual shall fail to feel the full weight of the obligations he is under to foster and support our free educational institutions!

We had taught in our county the past year 108 schools, distributed over the districts, and sustained for the term according to the annexed showings:

Mannington district, with an enrollment of 1,368 pupils, and an average daily attendance of 820, controlled thirty-one schools at a total cost of \$5,791.57. The average cost of education per scholar in this district was \$5 19; and the number attending school, about eighty per cent of the enumeration. No. 1 teachers were allowed \$32, No. 2, \$30, No. 3, \$27, No. 4, \$24, and No. 5, \$20 per month. Twenty-six males and five females teachers were employed, at an average salary per month of \$30.19.

Lincoln district sustained nineteen schools, footing an enrollment of 773 scholars, and averaging a daily attendance of 471. The total expenses of the schools in this district were \$3,849.21. Sixteen male and three female teachers taught the schools, receiving an average monthly salary of \$31.22. Thirty-one dollars were allowed for No. 1 teachers, \$29 for No. 2, \$27 for No. 3, \$25 for No. 4, and \$20 for No. 5. About eighty-eight per cent of the enumeration attended school, and the cost of education per pupil was \$4.91.

Union district taught eleven schools, enrolling 544 scholars and averaging a daily attendance of 388. Eight males and three females were employed as teachers, receiving an average monthly salary of \$39.53. This district allowed \$38 for first grade teachers, \$35 for second grade, \$32 for third grade, \$27 for fourth grade, and \$22 for fifth grade. About seventy-nine per cent. of the enumeration attended school. The cost of tuition per pupil being \$5.60. The total expenses of the schools for the year were \$2,783.30.

In Winfield district which enrolled 405 pupils, and made an average daily attendance of 235, were taught eleven schools, at a total cost of \$1,791.19. First-class certificates commanded \$36, second-class \$32.50, third-class \$29, fourth-class \$25, and fifth-class \$17. Eight male and three female teachers taught the schools at an average salary per month of \$33.37. Seventy-three per cent. of the enumeration attended school and the cost of education per scholar was \$6.27.

Pawpaw district expended \$2,009.24 in maintaining her twelve schools, which enrolled 535 scholars, and averaged a daily attendance of 377. Nine male and three female teachers were employed, at an average salary per month of \$32.00. No. 1 teachers receiving \$33, No. 2 \$31, No. 3 \$28, No. 4 \$20, and No. 5, \$15. About eighty-seven per cent of the enumeration attended school, the average cost of education per scholar being \$4.08.

Grant District had taught within her bounds nine schools, costing in the aggregate \$1,689.15. The enrollment was 328, and the average daily attendance 208; the average cost of education per pupil \$6.77, and the average monthly salary of teachers \$39.11. This district employed no female teachers, but allowed for the several grade certificates as follows: No 1, \$40; No. 2, \$37; No. 3, \$33; No. 4, \$22; No. 5, \$18. Seventy-six per cent. of the enumeration attended school.

In Fairmont District are seven schools, whose total expenditure for the year was \$1,133.37. This district enrolled 229 pupils, and made an average daily attendance of 150. The number attending was 72 per cent. of the enumeration, and the cost of tuition per scholar \$6.16. First grade teachers were allowed \$35; second grade, \$30; third grade, \$25; fourth grade, \$18, and for fifth grade no allowance was made. Five male and two female teachers taught the schools, receiving an average salary of \$33 per month.

Fairmont Independent District supported eight schools, which enrolled the past term 371 scholars, who averaged a daily attendance of 223. The total expenses of the schools for the year were \$5,314.16, and the cost of education per pupil \$9.16. One male and seven female teachers were employed, whose average salary per month was \$41.66. In this district teachers were not paid according to their

grade of certificate. About 66 per cent. of the enumeration attended school.

The above figures show that the total expense of the schools in the county for the year, not including \$300 paid to County Superintendent, were \$24,361.19; that the total enrollment was 4,555 pupils, and that the total number of male and female teachers engaged was 82 any 26 respectively. It may also be seen that Lincoln District attained the highest per centage of attendance and Pawpaw the next highest, though the average daily attendance, compared with the enrollment, would give to Union District the highest average, and to Pawpaw the next; that Fairmont Independent District paid the highest average salary to teachers, and also reached the greatest cost of education per scholar, while in Mannington District the average salary of teachers was lowest, and in Pawpaw the cost of tuition per scholar least. The general average salary paid to teachers over the county was \$33.93; the cost of education per scholar \$5.19; the percentage of attendance, based upon the enumeration, about 78, and the total number of male and female scholars respectively 2604 and 1951.

GRADED SCHOOLS.

In estimating our total number of schools at 108, as above, each department in the several graded schools was reckoned. There are 92 primary schools and 5 graded schools at present in the county, the latter employing in the aggregate 16 teachers. The graded schools are located at the following places: Fairmont, Palatine, Mannington, Farmington and Barrackville. That at Fairmont enrolled 300 pupils, and were taught a term of seven months, being in charge of J. W. May, Esq., principal, assisted by four lady teachers. That at Palatine, enrolling 204 scholars, was taught eight months, under charge of Prof. William Gray, principal, and two assistant lady teachers. The school at Mannington enrolled 209 scholars, and was taught a term of eight months. It was respectively in charge of Messrs. C. A. Prichard and John A. Bock, as principal, the former resigning when the school was about half out and the latter taking his place. One gentleman and two ladies were employed as assistants. The schools at Farmington and Barrackville have each two departments and were continued each but a four months' term. The former enrolled 121 pupils, and was taught by Mr. N. E. Morgan; the latter, enrolling 78, was taught by Mr. N. C. Prickett.

SCHOOL BUILDINGS.

Our school-houses, with but few exceptions, are convenient and comfortable, all of them being originally designed for school occupancy save three or four. These are too small and too unhandy for school purposes, and will in time be replaced by new and more suitable ones. Most of the houses are well furnished, quite a number of them being supplied with the patent cast-leg seat and desk. In Mannington District, however, a majority of the houses are not yet furnished with even good wooden seats and desks. This is owing to the fact that this district extends over a large amount of territory, and has not been as able to provide for her schools and school-houses, according to their number, as most of the sister districts. Of late, however, I think her financial condition, comparatively speaking, is much more favorable, and ere long, no doubt, these old fashioned desks will be exchanged for new and better ones. One of the houses in this district was burned down about the middle of the school term, and so left the sub-district with only two months' schooling. It has been rebuilt during the summer, and stands ready for occupancy early the coming term. A joint house between this and Monongalia county was also consumed by fire in the midst of the school term. Here, however, a building close by was procured, and the school continued the full length of time. A house to be occupied jointly, as heretofore, will not be re-established, but specifications have been drawn for the erection of one somewhat removed from the site of the old building, within, and to be occupied solely by, the sub-district in Marion county. Our total number of school-houses at present completed is 97, while contracts have been let for the building of one or two others in addition to the one mentioned above.

TEACHERS.

Our teachers as a class can be commended both for their attainments of scholarship and for their devotion to their work. Their disposition generally, seems to be to avail themselves of every advantage offered for their improvement, and to attain to a standing in the profession in which they shall be more useful and distinguished. It is true we have some who do not care to advance with the times, and who teach merely for the remuneration offered, whose services prove of little benefit to the community. Yet such teachers, I am pleased to note, are growing less and less popular, and one by one they are compelled to leave the profession as the people become better educated in their conception of the true teacher and his work

Though our best teachers are not yet always those who please the people best, and though we may not look for such to be altogether a fact till some time in the future, yet our teachers to-day, are rated more in accordance with their real merits than at any time in the past; and we may expect that same understanding by which they are now judged, further quickened, until honor in the teachers calling, will be accorded only to whom honor is due.

TEACHER'S INSTITUTE.

There was held at Mannington, commencing August 7, and closing August 19, a teacher's institute, which, as you are aware proved a grand success. The attendance was very large, pleasantly surpassing the most sanguine expectations, and all who were present realized that it was to them an occasion of much profit. The institute was conducted by Professors F. H. Crago and T. M. Marshall, who won for themselves, as practical instructors, the best opinions of all attending.

SCHOOL OFFICERS.

Our trustees and boards of education generally, are worthy of great praise for the interest they have manifested in a faithful discharge of the duties of their respective unsalaried offices. I am not aware of a single instance of neglect of duty by them the past year, while I believe all are honestly laboring in behalf of what they regard as the best interests of the cause. They show by their works that they are trustworthy friends of the schools, and the great interest they are taking in the cause of education, as well as that manifested by the people generally, only goes to demand that our schools shall be established on a firmer basis, and thus become a more permanent institution than at present, whose very existence is hazarded by that most unwise provision of the law which submits to the people stately, to be determined by their ballots, the question of "schools or no schools." It is believed, however, that so overwhelmingly in favor of free schools will continue to be the voice of the people, that the powers that be, becoming ashamed of their great presumption that the people should ever vote down their schools and so outrage their greatest benefactor, will slyly, though wisely, repeal this uncalled for measure.

VISITATIONS.

I visited in person all the schools but one—that not being in operation at the time I was around. This work kept me occupied from the first of December till toward the last of February; and though in many respects it was a laborious work, it was to me a very pleas-

ant one, and to the cause represented, I trust, in some measure at least, a beneficial one. Everywhere on my routes, I was kindly received by both teachers and people, and many were the pleasant acquaintances formed. Only a short time could be spent in each school, but during that time I endeavored to ascertain all I could as to the teacher's proficiency in methods of instruction, and the general character of the school. Ordinarily, the teacher proceeded with the regular recitations, while I listened, that I might in this way judge of his merits and demerits; though frequently I found I could do better by calling out classes and hearing them myself—by which method I could readily learn how the recitations were usually conducted. Before leaving I most always made a few remarks to the school, presenting the claims of a good education, pointing out the obligations of the scholars, and exhorting them to diligence in the pursuit of their studies.

EXAMINATIONS.

Three public examinations occupying one day each, were held at the beginning of the school year—one at Fairmont, one at Mannington and one at Palatine. At these examinations were present in all, 111 applicants who obtained certificates, besides a number of others who, having entered the classes, either found the questions too difficult for them, or fearing they should fail, withdrew and were not examined. In grading the certificates we followed the plan adopted by most examiners—namely, that of allowing fractional grades. The integral numbers from one to five do not with sufficient precision, define the teacher's standing, and by introducing other steps into the scale, examiners are enabled to grade much more satisfactorily both to themselves and to the applicants. By the scheme that recognized no fractions, two teachers may receive the same grade certificate, and go forth with like recommendations, and yet there may be almost a whole grade's difference in those teachers' qualifications; whereas by our method, these could not be more than almost a half grade's difference, we employing no fractional grade but one-half. The former method admits of too wide a range of this kind to obtain in the work of school teaching, in which every one should have (in way of compensation at least) all that justly belongs to him. But as fractional grades are not specified in the law regulating this matter, and as some of our boards of education are not ready to allow for these grades—always, as a matter of course, wishing to pay for the next whole grade below, rather than the one above—perhaps it would be best for examiners generally, in accordance with your late suggestion, to confine themselves to the whole numbers.

Our examinations were, for the most part, written, five questions being propounded upon each branch, and ninety per cent. of them required to be answered to entitle the applicant to a No. 1 certificate.

CONCLUSION.

After advertiring to the several particulars as above, I feel warranted in saying, in conclusion of this part of my report, that our schools are in good condition, with a fair prospect before them of continued prosperity. It is not denied that there still exist many obstacles to be overcome before the free school system in Marion county can have its complete triumph, but these obstacles are being gradually removed; and recalling all our past successes, we have no just cause for discouragement, but rather to renew our efforts and labor more zealously in time to come, that the victories achieved may be the more glorious. The rising generation are pre-eminently the friends of the public schools, and as the older element, in which is centered their present main opposition, disappears, as disappear it must, there will be continually increasing estimation of their merits, until they shall be justly appreciated by all. An inviting future certainly awaits the common school cause of our land, and we feel like congratulating the citizens of the coming age, whose grandest heritage shall be a perfected system of free school education.

TEACHERS AND GRADES OF THEIR CERTIFICATES.

L. K. McClure.....	3	Jennie Vangilder.....	2
H. J. Cole.....	2	Janet Satterfield.....	1
A. G. Hunt.....	2	O. C. Kincaid.....	2
C. H. Meredith.....	1	John L. Lake.....	2
John M. Hagerty.....	2	Thos. A. Nuzum.....	2
C. A. Prichard.....	1	Wm. J. McAllister.....	2
F. M. Fowler.....	1	Cyrene E. Bainbridge.....	3
J. B. Fowler.....	1	Emory Mercer.....	2
C. H. Morris.....	1	Ellen Glover.....	2
C. M. Arnett.....	2	Theodosia Glover.....	2
E. S. Amos.....	1	John Johnston.....	1
Ella Harvey.....	1	W. J. Price.....	1
Ella Short.....	2	G. W. Price.....	4
John M. Arnett.....	2	A. R. Wilcox.....	2
Jas. M. Fox.....	1	L. H. Wilcox.....	2
C. T. Price.....	1	S. K. Jacob.....	1
S. R. Mercer.....	2	Sallie Couaway.....	1
M. J. Stewart.....	2	Luella Maplé.....	2
Simon C. Parish.....	1	Geo. W. Martin.....	2
Willie Short.....	2	David Henderson.....	2
M. M. Ross.....	2	L. R. Coaway.....	2
A. H. Hall.....	2	A. H. Hall.....	2
P. E. Shuman.....	3	John M. Hagerty.....	1
John T. Beall.....	1	Joel V. Carpenter.....	1
Joel V. Carpenter.....	3	W. H. Martin.....	1
W. S. Sharp.....	3	Jos. L. Parish.....	1
J. C. Nay.....	2	S. G. Ash.....	3
B. B. Robinson.....	4	William Dolan.....	2
Z. F. Davis.....	1	J. D. Russel.....	3
D. M. Davis.....	2	F. M. Spieldens.....	3
John A. Rock.....	1	L. C. Wadsworth.....	3
Sylvester Shaw.....	2	A. J. Wade.....	3
J. J. Spencer.....	2	Elmore Koon.....	3

TEACHERS AND GRADES OF THEIR CERTIFICATES—Continued.

Wm. E. Pigott.....	1	Jacob Sturgeon.....	2
Lindsay Reise.....	1	J. C. Nay.....	2
Leah Swearingen.....	2	A. D. Morgan.....	1
Olive Zumbro.....	1	C. A. Snodgrass.....	1
M. S. Snoderly.....	2	W. E. Pigott.....	2
Alice Ingman.....	1	U. N. Arnett, Jr.....	2
Geo. W. Palmer.....	2	Irvin Nutter.....	2
H. W. Hare.....	1	Wm. E. Jolliff.....	1
A. J. Musgrave.....	3	Sarah Blachley.....	2
Kate M. Kincaid.....	1	Jas. P. Brack.....	1
Hattie P. Burke.....	1	A. G. Shriver.....	3
Ella Morgan.....	2	Wm. H. Lemley.....	2
Tillie Nuzum.....	2	E. H. Wince.....	2
P. C. Vineyard.....	1	J. W. Fast.....	1
F. M. Kellar.....	1	Rufus E. Harr.....	2
F. H. Morgan.....	2	Irvin Nuttu.....	1
L. E. Morgan.....	1	E. S. Clayton.....	1
Jas. L. Morgan.....	2	Annie Miller.....	1
W. R. Hibbs.....	2	Carrie Zumbro.....	2
Arthur Sturm.....	2	B. F. Mundell.....	1
S. M. Sturm.....	1	Mary E. Wade.....	2
T. L. Sturm.....	2	A. S. Arnett.....	2
L. M. Koon.....	1	S. W. Wilson.....	2
J. A. Robey.....	2	D. Cunningham.....	2
Annie Richards.....	2	C.W. Sturm.....	1

MASON COUNTY—C. E. HOGG, Sup't.

In transmitting to you my annual report for the public schools of Mason county for the school year of 1875-6, I must acknowledge my regrets at not having exerted greater effort and exercised more pains and diligence to compile a better and fuller report. In the main this report will be found correct; and as the few errors that do occur are only of slight consequence, I shall not devote any of the space allowed for specific remarks, to a designation of them. In addition to the regular statistical and financial report, the law requires the county superintendents, in their annual reports to the State Superintendent, to make a detailed report of the character and condition of the schools within their counties, noting all deficiencies, and suggesting their remedies, with such remarks upon the operation of the school laws as their experience and observation may suggest, pointing out wherein they consider them deficient. Touching the character and condition of our schools in this county, I do not think they have attained to as high a standard as a good system of public instruction demands; yet when contrasted with their character and condition a few years ago, there can be noted a marked improvement in them, which may, in part, be attributed to my worthy predecessors whose well directed efforts have accomplished much in the promotion of the educational interests of the county.

Perhaps there is no means more effectual in improving the charac-

ter and condition of our schools, than by the elevation of the standard of qualifications for teachers.

The standard of qualifications in our county requires thoroughness in the common branches, and when the application is for a first grade certificate, a knowledge, in addition thereto, of natural philosophy and algebra. Our teachers are fast educating themselves up to the adopted standard, and in a few years I hope to see our schools in this county filled with first-class teachers.

The county superintendents may do much in raising the standard of education among teachers, by convening them in the dignity of institutes and associations. Also by their annual visits to the schools of their counties they may accomplish much in this respect by advising the teachers upon classification, government, topics, and the various other work by which the labor and duties of the teacher are characterized.

Relative to the operation of the present school law of our State my experience and observation do not enable me to suggest very many deficiencies: however, I am of the opinion that there are some clauses in our school law which might well be amended. For instance the law providing for the election of one trustee for each sub-district, is defective, in that by the election of one person more latitude is allowed for the practice of favoritism in the employment of teachers, than could be, if the law required the election of three persons to serve as trustees in each sub-district. Furthermore, three persons living in different localities in the same sub-district would have a better opportunity of learning the wants and necessities of the patrons of a school than only one person would have.

It seems to me that if our school law should provide for a uniform levy throughout the entire county, for a specified number of months in the year; say four months, that taxation to a great many people would be less burdensome than it is at present. And if there should be any districts in the county that desired a greater number of months of school in the year than the county levy provided, let the law be so framed as to give them the power to levy in such districts for the extra number of months desired.

Perhaps it is worthy of note, that the several boards of education, in the exercise of their powers under the school law, in fixing a grade to professional certificates, Institute certificates and Normal school diplomas, are creating much dissatisfaction among those who hold such certificates.

It seems to me that their action in this respect should be under certain qualifications and restrictions. That is to say, that if a county board of examiners have adopted a certain standard for a No. 1

county certificate, and the professional or Institute certificate, or Normal school Diploma, purports the holder thereof up to such standard, then such professional or Institute certificate, or Normal school diploma, should be entitled to the grade and dignity of a first grade county certificate

TEACHERS AND GRADES OF THEIR CERTIFICATES.

Reuben Boster.....	2	C. C. Knapp.....	2
Miss Luella Blain.....	3	T. J. Kane.....	2
A. C. Blair.....	2	Francis Lewis.....	2
J. C. Buckley.....	3	Joseph Moore.....	2
Stanley Brading.....	1	Miss Ollie McKinnie.....	1
J. W. Cartright.....	3	W. H. McWharter.....	3
EH Coleman.....	3	Thomas McCabe.....	5
J. E. Clendenen.....	2	Tobias S. Nye.....	2
T. J. Coffman.....	2	Smith Neville.....	2
Milton Campbell.....	3	T. Puffenbarger.....	2
J. D. Campbell.....	2	J. A. Plymale.....	2
George Casey.....	4	Joseph Pounds.....	4
Mrs. Orah Dillard.....	2	U. M. Rader.....	4
Miss Alta Durst.....	4	R. W. Rader.....	3
E. S. Dewees.....	3	William Russell.....	5
George A. Dewees.....	2	Henry Reckard.....	2
T. L. Dabney.....	2	Henry Ridgeway.....	3
J. N. Daugh.....	3	J. H. Rathburn.....	1
J. B. Edwards.....	8	S. F. Rodgers.....	1
J. F. Eastham.....	2	J. T. Rader.....	2
T. E. Edwards.....	2	W. H. L. Rine.....	3
Arthur Edwards.....	1	A. S. Ridinger.....	2
Jacob W. Fisher.....	1	Miss Millie Stephenson.....	2
H. H. Fisher.....	2	G. H. Smith.....	2
Chas. W. Fadley.....	2	J. Shively.....	3
Sibbie Godjund.....	2	Peter Suriele.....	5
Mary W. Green.....	3	A. E. Scott.....	2
Miss Lizzie Graham.....	3	A. C. Stewart.....	1
Miss Eunice Grover.....	4	Reuben D. Sayre.....	1
L. W. Hedrick.....	3	D. W. Tracy.....	2
J. H. Hay.....	4	Miss C. E. Taylor.....	3
J. F. M. Hill.....	3	Thomas Woodyard.....	3
T. F. Higgenbotham.....	8	P. H. Williams.....	3
T. G. Hogg.....	2	Miss Maggie Waterson.....	2
C. B. Hanold.....	3	Miss Fannie Wesson.....	2
Miss Lizzie Horner.....	2	Ed. S. Whitehead.....	2
Miss Jennie Horner.....	2	Mrs. Sarah Warden.....	2
Miss Mary Howell.....	4	M. F. Yeager.....	1
Miss Carrie Irwine.....	2	Reed Yeager.....	1
J. H. Johnson.....	2	J. B. Yeager.....	1
Miss Effie M. Johnson.....	4	W. Jay Zorckle.....	1
Miss Sarah Knopp.....	2	R. E. Mitchell.....	1
A. J. Kincaide.....	1		

MERCER COUNTY—A. B. PHIPPS, *Sup't.*

There are five school districts in the county. All of them have unanimously voted for the levy to carry on the schools; but the financial condition of two of them has, until this time, been in an embarrassing condition, since old debts, created in the days of the old constitution, have been still coming up, which have so curtailed their finances that they have not been able to extend their schools to the full time.

Nevertheless the cause of education is prospering in the county.

The people are so firmly attached to the free school system that it is considered disreputable for a man to cast his vote against the levy for teachers' fund.

We are gratified to state that our teachers are improving themselves in efficiency and general fitness for instructors of youth.

Since the opening of the Normal School at Concord, in this county, many young persons attended the school, who have qualified themselves for teaching, and are now going out from the Normal School to teach the common free schools, so we are led to hope that a new impetus will be given to the cause of education in our midst, and the dawn of better days is beginning to open.

If the people of this county will continue to show that liberality toward the free schools that has characterized them for the last two years we will see the youth of our county intelligent and happy.

TEACHERS AND GRADES OF THEIR CERTIFICATES.

Itev. J. W. Bennett.....	1 Loami Martin.....	8
J. A. Bolin.....	1 John C. Meador.....	2
Miss Sallie Bailey.....	3 T. K. Massie.....	1
E. B. Carr.....	1 R. D. Karnes.....	2
W. P. Caffee.....	2 Miss Emma Phipps.....	2
D. C. Clendenen.....	2 Miss Hallie Paris.....	1
W. C. Cooper.....	2 Samuel P. Paris.....	2
William T. Chatting.....	2 R. V. Pendleton.....	1
T. J. Comer.....	3 Leonidas Pendleton.....	1
M. W. Christie.....	1 D. B. Pendleton.....	1
John Caldwell.....	3 James C. Peters.....	1
A. C. Davidson.....	1 D. C. Rose.....	2
C. H. Davidson.....	1 R. D. Rose.....	2
John H. Darneley.....	1 Mrs. R. C. Rose.....	2
Miss Minnie French.....	1 Miss Malissa Robinson.....	1
Miss Jennie French.....	1 L. W. Robinson.....	2
Miss E. B. French.....	1 S. T. Reynolds	1
J. F. Hoylrod.....	1 Z. T. Rogers.....	1
Miss N. Hoylrod.....	2 John L. Stafford.....	1
William S. Hobbs.....	1 C. G. Shutt.....	2
Felix Hill.....	2 Miss C. Stinson.....	1
J. P. Hopinstall.....	1 L. C. Shrewsbury.....	2
Miss Lizzie J. Hoge	1 James M. Toney (colored).....	2
Miss M. A. Ellison.....	2 James H. Whitaker.....	2
Miss M. J. Johnston.....	2 Miss L. P. White.....	1
James M. Killey.....	1 Miss Ella Wall.....	1
N. B. Lilly.....	2 George W. White.....	2
George B. Martin.....	2	

MINERAL COUNTY—J. A. SHARPLESS, Sup't.

Schools have been taught in every district in the county except one, and in it the requisite number of votes to secure the levy has never been secured since the power to vote upon that subject was granted until last August, at which time a small majority was given in favor of the levy.

The free school system met with some firm opposition ever since its organization in this county. I feel fully satisfied that it has been

steadily gaining in the confidence and support of many influential citizens who did not support it when first introduced. I believe that with an economical management of the school matters, we shall soon have a permanent school work.

This year's work presents a pleasant aspect, yet much remains to be done before our schools shall have reached a proper standard in every respect.

To mention every school and its work would take more space than I desire to use, and hence I shall only speak of those that are most prominent.

At Piedmont there is a graded school which required the services of five teachers this year. The object of the board has been to keep the school open about ten months in the year and thus far it has been very successful. The board received a donation of \$600 for the school year from Dr. Sears, Agent of the Peabody Fund. A continuation of the energetic efforts of the school board, aided by Dr. Sears, will give the people of Piedmont a graded school second to none in the State.

In Keyser, the county seat, the trustee employed three teachers to conduct the school, although no definite arrangements have been made by the board having control of that district, to continue the school longer than four months, yet, I believe, judging from the thrift and industry of the town and its enterprising citizens, that a graded school will be opened in a short time.

We had a teacher's institute, but it did not receive as much of the teacher's attention as it should.

With reference to the school law there are some deficiencies. It has been claimed that the section requiring the sheriff to give additional bond for school moneys is of no avail. The law is certainly deficient to a greater or less extent in respect to that section. It is very specific in prescribing the duties of the county court, and plainly says that it shall require the sheriff to give additional bond for school moneys; but the law stops just there. It does not impose any penalty upon the sheriff should he fail to obey the order of the court. Should he not see cause, and he can do as he pleases, to give bond, the county superintendent cannot issue requisitions upon the Auditor for the State Fund, because he is positively required to certify that the above named bond has been given.

Teachers are greatly inconvenienced by the present manner of disbursing the school money. In large counties many teachers are, as many as, twenty-five or thirty miles from the county seat, and when they go there very often the sheriff is absent, and the result is that two or three visits have to be made in order to secure one month's salary.

In your last report to the Legislature, you recommended the es-

tabishment of a county treasury which would in my judgment meet the demands of the teachers. It should be so arranged that the State Fund and all other school moneys should be deposited there by installments. The State Fund in two, as now, and the district levies in not more than three installments. By so doing, much trouble would be obviated in the way of delays that are made in the payment of teachers.

The present plan of conducting the school elections is attended with much trouble and more expense than if elections were only held at the voting places now established for State and county elections.

In conclusion, let me say there were a number of excellent young men from this county attending the normal school at Fairmont, at its last session. They expect to teach in this State when they shall have completed the course.

TEACHERS AND GRADES OF THEIR CERTIFICATES.

L. W. Leatherman.....	4	F. P. Doonan.....	1
R. H. Van Horn.....	1	Miss Sarah Welton.....	4
Jennie Wilson.....	2	D. C. Arnold.....	2
H. Cloy Shaw.....	3	J. S. Wilson.....	2
Dr. D. A. Brown.....	1	S. D. Clefford, col.	3
Georgia Arnold.....	2	G. W. Lee.....	2
Hattie Baird.....	3	C. A. Brown.....	1
Jennie B. Vandiver.....	3	R. S. Pettitt.....	2
Ann Vandiver.....	4	M. E. Hendrickson.....	2
Geo. W. Dolly.....	2	John E. Broome.....	2
Mrs. M. J. Steger.....	2	Miss L. M. Duncan.....	1
Miss M. J. Sullivan.....	2	J. Coburn.....	3
Mrs. M. R. Shultice.....	2	Rizen Reed.....	2
Miss M. J. Daily.....	2	T. W. S. Foley.....	3
Charles E. Thompson.....	3	Miss M. L. Beall.....	3
Miss V. A. Irvine.....	2	A. L. Boor.....	1
H. H. Geiger.....	4	David Snyder.....	2

MONONGALIA COUNTY—A. L. WADE, *Sup't.*

Although one hundred years have elapsed since we as a nation became free, only thirteen years have gone by since the free school system was adopted in West Virginia. Previous to its adoption we had no system providing either for the building of school houses or the employment of teachers. It is a remarkable fact that Monongalia county, for many years the seat of Monongalia Academy, Woodburn Seminary, and the Morgantown Female Collegiate Institute, had in all its country districts in 1863 but one school house, which was by the school officers regarded worthy to remain as a school house. This house is situated at Fort Martin, in Cass District, and is a standing compliment to the people of that community.

This county is divided into eight school districts—Cass, Grant, Clay, Battelle, Morgan, Union, Clinton and the Morgantown Independent

School District. These, with the exception of the last named, are subdivided, forming 77 sub-districts.

OUR SCHOOL HOUSES.

Under the superintendency of George C. Sturgiss and H. L. Cox, Esqs., my predecessors in office, a neat frame school house was erected in each of these sub-districts, with the single exception of the Fort Martin school house, above named. Most of these houses were built more than ten years ago, and nearly all of them need repainting. Boards of Education should have this done before these beautiful buildings are permanently injured. I would also recommend that the several Boards of Education place in each school a copy of Webster's Unabridged Dictionary, as a standard of pronunciation. Many of our schools have outline maps, and the residue should be supplied. Each school should also be provided with a globe. These would cost but little, and in the hands of competent instructors would be a paying investment.

Pawpaw school house, in Battelle District, was burned on the night of the 17th of December, supposed by many to be the work of an incendiary; but the patrons of the school secured a private house, and opened school again in one week after the house was destroyed. A new house is being erected upon the same foundation. Three other new houses will be built this year—one in Battelle, one in Clay and one in Morgan.

YOUTHS ENUMERATED—AVERAGE ATTENDANCE.

We have in our county more than five thousand youths who are entitled to the privileges of free schools. A little over four hundred of these are in the Morgantown Independent School District. The residue are distributed among the several schools of the county. Some of the schools have an enumeration of over one hundred, while a few have less than twenty-five. I have not yet received reports from the various boards of education, but I am of the opinion that the average attendance upon the schools did not exceed fifty per cent of the enumeration. Quite a number of the influential tax-payers in our county are heartily in favor of a compulsory law, and I believe that unless something be done to improve the attendance upon our free schools, we will have such a law in West Virginia in less than five years from this time. I am still opposed to the passage of such a law, not because it is wrong, but because it is difficult to enforce it. I am in favor of making the teachers salary in some degree dependent upon a fair average attendance. I would also make his salary dependent in

some degree upon the progress of his pupils. I am aware of the difficulties that would lie in the way of ascertaining what progress each pupil makes, but there is no difficulty in ascertaining the attendance. It would cost less to carry out a law regulating salaries according to the above suggestions than it would to enforce the compulsory law, and I believe that teachers, when interested, could bring into the school more pupils than the officer of the law could, and certainly with less dissatisfaction. It is true, my plan would give some teachers higher wages than they now receive, and it would give others lower wages. It would encourage successful teachers to continue in the work, while it would drive unsuccessful teachers from the school room. This plan would be much better than to let the teacher's salary depend entirely upon his expertness in answering questions on the day of his examination.

TEACHERS EMPLOYED.

We employed last fall, in the country districts, seventy-seven teachers—sixty-four males and thirteen females—twenty were married and fifty-seven single. Fifty-eight were residents of this county, four were from Marion county, West Virginia, and fifteen were residents of Pennsylvania. Although some of the non-residents employed were among the best teachers we had, yet to take them all as a class, they fell below our own teachers. As a rule, the best teachers do not go abroad, but are employed at home. There are various reasons, all else being equal, why we should employ our own teachers in preference to strangers. We have to-day in our county not less than two hundred young men and women who have fair qualifications for teaching. But I am not in favor of employing home teachers regardless of qualification. My advice to each trustee is, employ the best teacher you can obtain, and keep him as long as he does first-class work. The theory that we need a new teacher every term, has long since been exploded. A live teacher will become more interesting to his pupils as they become better acquainted with him: a dead man should never be employed in the school room. We want teachers who are called to teach; who are inspired with a love for the work, and we can afford to pay such teachers. I am quite certain that no county in West Virginia has a more efficient and earnest class of teachers than we have.

LENGTH OF TERM.

Grant district, at the last election, with remarkable unanimity, voted in favor of a levy for five months school; the other districts kept their schools open four months.

VISITING SCHOOLS.

I visited every school in the county, spending usually a morning or an afternoon in each; noting in my journal the name of the school, the number of pupils entitled to attend, number on teacher's roll, daily average attendance, branches taught, and the number of pupils studying each branch. I made it a point, as far as possible, to become acquainted, personally, with each pupil in the school, and to ascertain what branches were pursued by each. In order to bring together all interested parties, teachers, parents and pupils, for the consideration of matters pertaining to the schools visited during the day, and for the consideration of questions relating to our free school interests generally, we held, each evening, an educational meeting. In these meetings I was aided by representative men, friends of free schools, Professors in the University, teachers, ministers, physicians, farmers and mechanics. I held forty three of these

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in the county,—twenty-seven in churches, fifteen in school houses, and one at the residence of Milton Sine, where the school house had been burned. In addition to the addresses which were delivered, we had each evening, the best music which the community could produce. The school law prescribes a

COURSE OF STUDY IN THE FREE SCHOOLS.

Section eleven of the school law reads as follows: "In the primary schools there shall be taught Orthography, Reading, Penmanship, Arithmetic, English Grammar, History, Geography, and such other branches as the board of education may direct." It is but reasonable to expect that each youth who has the advantages of our free schools, if properly instructed, shall, at the age of twenty-one years, have a fair knowledge of each of the above named branches. And yet how few take up the entire course. In order to induce pupils to take up and *complete* the entire course of study, I introduced the system of grading each school, by forming a class in each, wherever I could do so, noting in my journal the names of pupils who volunteered to complete the course by the first of March, 1876. The classes so formed were termed

GRADUATING CLASSES FOR 1876.

In some of the schools no such class could be formed for want of material. Those who entered these classes I made prominent by

reading their names in the schools of the adjacent sub-district, and in our educational meetings; also by publishing them in our county newspaper. I also organized classes for 1877, and published names as I did for 1876. I requested each teacher, provided he found material for doing so, to form a class for 1878, and one for 1879, and most of the teachers did so. In order to test the work of these classes, I introduced a system of

ANNUAL DISTRICT EXAMINATIONS.

to be held about the last of February or the first of March, each year, to be conducted by the county superintendent, aided by such educators of experience as he may be able to procure. Each pupil, upon completing the course of study and passing a fair examination in all the branches, is entitled to

A DIPLOMA,

signed by his teacher, who certifies that he has completed the course by the county superintendent, who certifies that he has been examined, and by the president of the board of education of his district, who certifies that said pupil is of good moral character.

I held an examination for these classes in each district in the county. These examinations commenced at ten a. m. and closed about four p. m. In the evening of each day we held a commencement exercise, consisting of essays, orations, &c., by members of the classes, followed by addresses from prominent educators.

These district examinations were held in churches in the following order:

Grant District, at Zoar Baptist Church, on Friday, February 25th, 1876. This district has thirteen schools. The printed roll, numbering sixty-one, was called, and fifty members responded. The residue having failed to complete the course, were transferred to the class of 1877. All the teachers of the district were present. The examination was conducted by the county superintendent, assisted by Prof. H. L. Cox, principal of Morgantown Graded School. In the evening addresses were made by Prof. W. R. White, ex-State Superintendent of Free Schools of West Virginia, and Prof. D. B. Purinton, of West Virginia University.

Union District, at Pierpoint's M. E. Church, Saturday, February 26th. This district has eight schools. Roll, numbering fifty, was called, and thirty-eight responded. All the teachers were present. Examination conducted by the county superintendent, assisted by Prof. F. S. Lyon, principal of Preparatory Department of West Vir-

ginia University, and Prof. H. L. Cox. Addresses were delivered in the evening by Profs. White, Lyon and Purinton.

Morgan District, at Pleasant Hill Baptist Church, Friday, March 3d. This district has eight schools. Roll, numbering twenty-one, was called, and nineteen responded. All the teachers were present. Prof. White assisted in the examination. Addresses in the evening by Profs. Cox, White, Purinton, and Prof. S. H. Owen of West Virginia University.

Cass District, at Bethel M. E. Church, Saturday, March 4th. This district contains eight schools. Roll, numbering thirty, was called, and twenty-one were present. All the teachers of the district were present, except two, and these two were residents of Pennsylvania. Prof. White assisted in the examination, and in the evening delivered an address.

Clay District, at Valley Chapel Christian Church, on Tuesday, March 7th. This district contains thirteen schools. Roll of twenty-three names, called, and seventeen answered. All the teachers were present except one—a resident of this county. Prof. Lyon assisted the county superintendent in examining the classes. In the evening addresses were made by Prof. Lyon and Hon. William Price.

Battelle District, at West Warren Baptist Church, on Thursday, March 9th. This district has 13 schools. Roll of 34 was called and 24 responded; but four of these afterwards withdrew from the class, not being fully prepared in all the branches of the course. All the teachers of the district were present except two—one a resident of our county and the other a Pennsylvanian. One teacher who was present declined to assist the other teachers in examining manuscripts and deciding who were entitled to diplomas. He was a resident of Pennsylvania. Prof. Lyon assisted the superintendent in the examination, and in the evening addressed the audience.

Clinton District, at Goshen Baptist Church, Saturday, March 11th. This district contains 14 schools. Roll of 42 names was called and 31 answered. All the teachers were present. Prof. Lyon assisted in the examination. In the evening addresses were made by Profs. Lyon, Owen and Purinton.

The County Superintendent each evening, after the addresses were ended, and in the presence of the audience, delivered to each member of the class who was by the teacher of the district adjudged worthy of the same, a

DIPLOMA, OR HONORARY CERTIFICATE.

9x14 inches, duly signed as heretofore set forth, which, when framed, is an ornament to a parlor, and an honor to the holder. Two hun-

dred and sixty-one pupils entered the class of 1876, and of this number one hundred and ninety-six completed the course and obtained diplomas.

It is a matter of astonishment to many persons that, with a single exception, the largest churches in the several districts were insufficient to accommodate, even during the day, the vast numbers who came to witness the examinations. And these were not disinterested spectators; they were our most intelligent people—the *cream* of society, men and women who had sons, or daughters, or grand-children or friends in the class, in whom they were deeply interested. These, examinations were by no means “child’s play;” they were intended to test the knowledge of each pupil in the free school branches; and yet, with a very few exceptions, the members of the various classes showed a coolness, a courage, and a knowledge of the branches studied, which many of our teachers do not possess. But they do not expect to cease to study because they have graduated in the primary branches. They expect to work to obtain more thorough knowledge of these branches. Many of them intend to take up the higher branches. Some of them have already entered the West Virginia University or Morgantown Female Seminary. Others are attending the Fairmont State Normal School. We have had two select schools during the summer, in which the higher branches were taught—one at Bethel, in Cass District, taught by Miss C. S. Burnett, the other at Haught’s Mills, in Battelle District, taught by Mr. A. J. Ammons. These have been well attended. We have had several primary schools in session also during the spring and summer.

In order to cause each school to stand upon its own merits, and in order to preserve a record of what each school has accomplished since the adoption of the free school system, I proposed the publication of

A CATALOGUE OF THE FREE SCHOOLS OF MONONGALIA COUNTY,

and, in order to obtain from each school a report, I placed in the hands of each teacher a printed blank, which, when filled up, gives the following particulars of each school: Name of teacher, number of pupils entitled to attend, number on teacher’s roll, daily average attendance, branches taught, number studying each branch, names of pupils who attended this school under the free school system and became teachers, names of pupils who completed all the free school branches in this school and have not taught, names of pupils in the class of 1876, of 1877, of 1878 and 1879. A committee of seven teachers was appointed, consisting of H. L. Cox, of Grant District; D. B. Waters, of Cass; E. Moakley, of Clay; A. J. Ammons, of

Battelle; A. C. Wood, of Morgan; G. W. Laishley, of Union; and E. Trickett, of Clinton, whose duty it was to collect reports from teachers, and to let out the contract for publishing the catalogues. Mr. Moakley soon after left the county and G. W. Johnston was appointed in his place. This committee met at Morgantown on the 26th day of June, having reports from most of the schools, and awarded the contract for publishing the catalogues to the editor of the Morgantown *Post*, at the sum of ten cents per copy. A little over fifty dollars had been subscribed, an average of about seventy cents from each school. Blacksville school in Clay District, subscribed \$3, the largest sum of any school in the county; several schools made no subscriptions. A few teachers failed to fill up and return their reports, and in order to make our catalogues complete, I made a brief abstract from my journal concerning each school not reported, which will appear in the catalogue. So we have accompanying my report a report from every school in the county. The catalogues, when printed, will be delivered to the several members of the publishing committee, and by them to the teachers, and by the teachers to the pupils who subscribed for them. Each pupil who subscribed ten cents is entitled to one copy.

The system of grading, publishing catalogues and granting certificates or diplomas to those who complete a course of study has long been practiced in universities, colleges, academies and high schools, but I am not aware that it has ever been adopted in primary schools, and yet I can see no reason why it will not work as well in the latter as in the former, as human nature is the same everywhere. That which will induce a young man to make a special effort in his college course would have its influence upon a young man in our free schools. I observed frequently in our educational meetings that when I named the most advanced pupils in the schools there represented that the parents and friends of such pupils were especially interested in my remarks, and these names became the topic of conversation after the meeting closed. I noticed also that when I published these names in the newspaper those who were interested were especially anxious to obtain a copy of the paper.

A gentleman said to me, "I do wish you would hurry and publish the list of graduates in our school, my boy is so anxious to see his name in print." Another gentleman said to his son in my presence: "You have entered this class; your name has been published; do your best; nothing would be more gratifying to me than to see you succeed, nothing more mortifying than for you to fail." God has wisely implanted in all of us a desire to have our names, and the names of our kindred and friends, mentioned in connection with honorable positions.

One of the highest rewards which we can offer the diligent and obedient pupil, is to honor him, and it is no small degree of punishment to the slothful and disobedient to let him go unhonored. I hope that each teacher who shall take charge of a school in our county this fall, will organize, if possible, four classes proposing to complete the course in 1877-8-9 and '80, and let all pupils who cannot enter one of these classes constitute the preparatory department of the school.

THE MORGANTOWN GRADED SCHOOL.

But my report would be incomplete should I close without making special reference to the Morgantown Graded School, which is intended to accommodate the Morgantown Independent School District.

The School Commissioners of this district in 1868 purchased of the State of West Virginia what was formerly known as Monongalia Academy for \$13,500. Nearly four hundred youths are entitled to attend this school. It is kept open eight months in each year.

Professor H. L. Cox has been principal of this school for four years past, and under his supervision it has been increasing in thoroughness, until I feel quite sure that no more thorough work is done in any school of like character in this State. Mr. Cox has few equals as an educator. His assistants : Miss M. Brock, Miss S. R. Coyle, Miss L. Shisler and Mrs. L. R. Coogle, have occupied their positions for several years past. The highest compliment that a teacher receives is tendered him, when his employers, after testing his work, desire to retain his services. A new department has been created in the school, and Miss Frank M. Wood has been elected to take charge of it.

THE COLORED SCHOOL OF MORGANTOWN

has an enumeration of nearly fifty pupils. It was kept open five months. A number of its pupils are making considerable progress in the free school branches. Capt. Samuel Sears is still its superintendent, and Miss Belle Jenkins is its teacher. I would suggest that the School Board procure a suitable lot and build thereon a school house. There are about twenty-five colored pupils in the county outside of this district. Boards of Education should set apart a fund for them, as required by section eighteen of the school law.

THANKS.

I cannot conclude this report without returning my heartfelt thanks not only to the gentlemen whom I have named above, but to all who aided me in my work.

Prominent among those who made addresses at our educational meetings, I will name Rev. A. A. Jimeson, pastor of the Presbyterian

church, Morgantown; Rev. E. W. Ryan, pastor of Morgantown station M. E. Church; Rev. B. Ison, pastor of Morgantown circuit M. E. Church, and Col. James Evans. Many others rendered efficient help at meetings held in the districts in which they reside.

I am also placed under great obligation to those who added so much to the interest of our meetings and examinations, by supplying us with

VOCAL AND INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC.

I desire to name Messrs. John Jones, Z. T. Martin and Jno. N. Snider, instructors in vocal music, and Misses Emma Coombs, Florence Lyon, Emma Crouch, Belle Davis and Lizzie Anderson, and Mr. Garrett Conn, organists. I acknowledge my obligations to trustees of churches, who granted us the use of twenty-seven churches in which to hold educational meetings, and permitted us to use several of these a second time for district examinations.

The *Morgantown Post* is entitled to many thanks from the friends of free schools, for publishing gratuitously reports of educational meetings and district examinations throughout the county, and also for publishing lists of names of those who entered the class of 1876 and 1877.

I return thanks to the various families who so kindly entertained me at their firesides while I was engaged in visiting schools. I should certainly be ungrateful should I fail to acknowledge the uniform kindness and courtesy of our teachers. I wish to say a word to

COUNTY SUPERINTENDENTS IN WEST VIRGINIA.

Will you not try our system of grading schools, granting honorary certificates and publishing catalogues? There are hundreds of young men and women in our schools who have taken up no study beyond arithmetic. Let such take up also geography, English grammar and history. They will master each of these branches just as soon as they would a single study. Let them agree to complete these in a given length of time. Keep this fact before them and their friends and the public, in every possible way and you will soon have an educational revival.

West Virginia has accomplished more in the work of building school houses, and setting in operation the machinery of the free school system in the last thirteen years, than any other State of like territory and wealth ever did in a quarter of a century. She has also in that time founded a State University and six Normal Schools. Born into the family of States amidst the great civil war, and having for her early and intimate associates, her elder sisters—Ohio on the west,

and Pennsylvania on the north. West Virginia has, under a kind Providence, already reached a maturity in educational matters un-hoped for by her most sanguine friends.

TEACHERS AND GRADES OF THEIR CERTIFICATES.

Emma L. Jones.....	1	Samuel J. Hall.....	1
John M. Davis.....	1	Susie Gapen.....	1
John M. Jolliffe.....	1	D. Benson Waters.....	1
Wm. F. Waychoff.....	1	Elijah P. McGinnis.....	1
John H. Brock.....	2	Bruce L. Keenan.....	2
Rufus E. Brock.....	1	Bruce Vandervort.....	1
L. Alonzo Everley.....	1	Virgie Vandervort.....	1
Franklin P. Fox.....	2	John E. Haught.....	2
Henry Clark Jones.....	2	Aleinda Bayles.....	2
Edward P. Brant.....	1	Ella Warman.....	1
Samuel W. Ramsey.....	1	James M. Stewart.....	1
Mary Farrell.....	2	James F. Ridgway.....	2
Ledru M. Wade.....	1	Lindsey Warman.....	1
James W. Chesney.....	1	David H. Bussey.....	2
Joseph B. Conner.....	2	George Barr.....	1
James E. Mercer.....	1	Uriah Camp.....	1
Wm. H. Jones.....	1	Wm. S. Hillery.....	1
Alonzo A. Waters.....	1	Ed. R. Deutsin.....	2
Wm. W. Tapp.....	2	Lizzie Sanders.....	1
Bartolo M. Jones.....	1	Arah J. Courtney.....	2
John Laird.....	1	E. Pierce Lanty.....	1
Harry V. Temple.....	1	James Farrell.....	1
John M. Shriver.....	1	Randolph Prayman.....	1
Andrew J. Arnett.....	1	George C. Cole.....	2
Martin L. Snider.....	2	Jesse R. Conn.....	2
Franklin P. McCurdy.....	2	David Wiedman.....	1
Homer C. Freeland.....	1	Wm. N. Conner.....	1
Spencer M. Headlee.....	2	Julian E. Fleming.....	1
Mary J. Coen.....	1	Hosea Stansberry.....	2
Sue E. Fletcher.....	1	Morgan B. Hale.....	1
A. Thompson Wolfe.....	1	Thos. Isom McRa.....	2
Frank M. Wood.....	1	Laura Shisler.....	1
Sarah J. McMillan.....	2	Mattie Brook.....	1
John Andros Teansut.....	1	Sarah R. Coyle.....	1
Amos J. Ammons.....	1	Belle Anderson.....	1
David L. Musgrave.....	1	Wm. Rich.....	1
Sanford H. Stevens.....	1	Belle C. Jenkins.....	2
George W. Johnston.....	1	Leolin R. Gogle.....	1
Albert C. Wood.....	1	Elijah McRa.....	2
Daniel P. Morgan.....	1	Sue Brant.....	2
John L. Johnston.....	2	Lott L. Shriver.....	2
Wm. H. Rode.....	1	Rosella De Garmo.....	2
Robert L. Brown.....	1	George W. Walls.....	2
Clark C. Wade.....	1	Lucy White.....	1
Solomon A. Barnard.....	2	Edward Mockler.....	2
Abram B. Patton.....	2	Jonathan C. Murphey.....	1
Thos J. Rinehart.....	2	Zemri Ammons.....	1
Ada Prior.....	1	Eva P. Shafer.....	2
Wm. H. Lenley.....	2	Mary E. Wade.....	2
John Cunningham.....	2	Anna S. Bear.....	1
Joseph G. Williams.....	1		

MONROE COUNTY—J. D. BECKETT, *Sup't.*

I feel highly honored in being able to present to the people of Monroe county, the condition of free schools, as they were found in my visitations last winter. True, I do not consider all matters connected with them as being perfect, though the schools of our county are gradually improving, and, we think, compare very favorably with the schools of surrounding counties. I have visited seventy white

schools and six colored schools. I have examined 3,449 pupils, and in my humble way endeavored to discharge my duty. In a majority of the schools I found good order, neatness, prompt obedience, hard study and good recitations. A few of the schools, however, were in a very bad condition, filthy floors, no order, and very little discipline.

The law requires, among other duties, in my visitations of the schools, "to note the character and the condition of each, noting any deficiencies that may exist, either in the government of the schools, the classification of the scholars, or the method of instruction employed in the several branches, noting the character and the condition of the school-houses, the sufficiency or insufficiency of their furniture and fixture, &c.," which duty was performed and placed upon record. A synopsis of the same is here presented by districts:

Union District—Eleven schools; an average of about forty pupils to each teacher; five houses poorly seated, good stoves, fifteen lights of glass wanted; six had no fire-shovels, no pokers, and two no water buckets; three no blackboards. This District had earnest and efficient teachers and an excellent Board of Education.

Sweet Springs District.—Fifteen schools; average twenty-nine pupils to each teacher; eight houses badly seated; five, no black-boards; four, indifferent stoves; twenty window glass wanted; no shovels; two no water buckets, and one no broom. Most of the houses were very good, and nearly all were occupied by live, earnest, and devoted teachers; as a consequence, their pupils presented an admirable appearance at their recitations. The District Board is alive, earnest, competent and faithful.

Second Creek District.—Nine schools; average thirty-five pupils to each teacher; one house very badly seated, good stoves, indifferent black-boards—two water buckets wanted. No more faithful teachers can be found than are on duty in these schools. The District Board is alive to all educational interests.

Wolf Creek District.—Ten schools; average of forty-five pupils to each teacher; elegant houses (the best in the county), but badly seated; stoves good—eight window glass wanted. The teachers of this District are devoted to their business, and do all in their power to increase the capabilities of their pupils. An able Board of Education manages the schools in such a manner as to produce excellent results.

Springfield District.—Sixteen schools, averaging forty four pupils to each teacher; five need new black boards; the houses tolerably good; furniture very indifferent. Many of the teachers are enthusiastic, energetic and determined on achieving the best degree of success. A Board of Education of much experience has the manage-

ment of educational affairs, the good effects of which are clearly visible throughout the District.

Red Sulphur District—Sixteen schools, averaging thirty-eight pupils to each teacher; a majority of the houses are log, with chimneys, nearly all of which smoke; therefore it is almost impossible for the teacher or his pupils to remain in the house. This District is behind financially, but we hope it will soon be able to build new houses. A better class of teachers is not in the county than are found at their posts daily in this District. The Board of Education, I believe, have done all that could be done under the circumstances.

Of the colored schools visited, I found the general conduct of the pupils good, comparing in this respect favorably with other schools. Most of the houses were very small, poorly supplied with seats and other school furniture.

The scholarship was not of a superior order. Spelling, reading and writing comprises the range of school work. Great progress is seen in these studies. Some study arithmetic, grammar and geography. The pupils labor earnestly and the teachers do all in their power for the advancement of their pupils.

The above six districts have been visited, and I think an honest statement is made concerning them.

The free schools of our county are looking up, and persons who, in days that are past, did everything in their power to break down the free schools of our county are now in the front ranks doing all they can for the advancement of the system.

The majority of the school buildings in our county are good, some medium, and a few that I must report poor. If our teachers could be induced to help themselves a little more, and not depend on favors, it would help the cause considerably, but some of them go from year to year without teaching, and without even looking into a common school book, and all at once they take a notion to teach. Then they want a certificate, and come at the examiners with the story, I am "rusty," I did not think about teaching this year. This is all wrong, in my opinion; more attention should be paid to the profession, more educational periodicals should be read, and more eagerness should be manifested in the search for modern modes of imparting knowledge to pupils. The teachers of Monroe county are to-day fifty per cent. better than they were six years ago, but lack a great deal yet before reaching that period when we can call them all number one teachers.

We organized a County Teachers' Institute at Centerville, in this county, on the 30th day of August. It was a grand success, and we hope for much from this organization. The teachers have taken hold of the matter with zeal, and show that they are anxious to improve

themselves. We hold our next Institute in Wolf Creek District. I would earnestly beseech all teachers and those interested in the cause of education, to attend this meeting.

TEACHERS AND GRADES OF THEIR CERTIFICATES.

W. S. Stroman.....	1	Miss C. B. Foster.....	1
G. B. Foster.....	2	B. R. Parker.....	4
L. A. Burdett.....	2	L. E. Chambers.....	2
John Osborn.....	1	G. W. Deskin, Colored.....	5
R. S. Rudd.....	1	D. N. Ellis.....	3
John W. Boon.....	2	Lewis Larew.....	1
James A. Dunlap.....	2	D. J. Mann.....	3
I. N. Campbell.....	2	Thompson Houchins.....	3
N. B. Campbell.....	3	Jaines Dunlap.....	1
G. W. Carpenter.....	2	W. A. Hutchins.....	3
M. S. Rowan.....	2	C. W. Brayles.....	1
J. L. Broyles.....	3	H. A. Karnes.....	3
G. C. Osborn.....	1	A. L. Peck.....	2
Miss Bettie Prentice.....	1	H. C. Beckett.....	1
Miss Ellen Prentice.....	1	R. C. Christie.....	1
H. C. Bare.....	1	Granville Houchins.....	3
D. C. Elmore.....	1	L. Chevront.....	2
J. H. Reaburn.....	1	C. H. Payne, Colored.....	3
Yelverton Webb.....	2	James P. Skaggs.....	2
C. W. Keister.....	1	John Cook.....	3
C. P. Nickell.....	2	J. Mentz.....	1
Miss Ella Krebs.....	2	R. C. Appling.....	2
W. H. H. Campbell.....	1	D. W. Rucker.....	1
Miss Nannie Hinkle.....	1	Miss H. F. Dunlap.....	1
W. S. Skaggs.....	4	Miss Nettie Diddle.....	1
S. R. H. Irons.....	1	Miss Jennie Marshal.....	2
B. F. Humphreys.....	2	Henry Vawter.....	2
S. R. Patton.....	2	J. C. Dunsmore.....	1
J. C. Irons.....	2	J. W. Vawter.....	1
H. A. Nickell.....	1	E. P. Williams.....	2
John Johnson.....	2	E. W. Peck.....	1
John Bradley, Colored.....	3	R. R. Little.....	1
Marion Gilchrist.....	3	William Hinton.....	2
J. A. Meadows.....	1	John Hinton.....	2
D. F. Chapman.....	1	J. Aristed, Colored.....	2
Joseph Foster.....	1	J. M. Mason.....	2

MORGAN COUNTY—GEORGE BUCK, *Sup't.*

I have urged upon secretaries the importance of commencing each annual report with the same balances with which their preceding annual reports closed. That there are some apparent discrepancies in this particular, I believe, is owing to the fact that there are generally some outstanding and unpaid orders at the time their reports are made, and which are not reported until they are returned to and cancelled by the Boards. This will account for the difference in the amounts under the head "expenditures" and those under the head "summary," the former being the expenses for a single year, augmented by a part of the expenses for some preceding year. I would recommend that Stahl's registers be entirely dispensed with as an expensive luxury of little value. In my opinion it would be far less expensive and of far more utility to furnish the secretaries with financial books, prepared by direction of the State Superintendent

containing proper forms for keeping their accounts, and for making their settlements and reports. In this way systematic, uniform and correct reports might be obtained from every part of the State. I think each secretary should report the amount of orders unpaid at the time of making his annual report, and this will show every year how much money is in the hands of the sheriff that should have been paid to the holders of the orders. Four of our six districts are free from debt and report balances on hand. Timber Ridge District would have been entirely free from debt had not its late Board assumed an old debt that should have been settled five or six years ago. Cacapon District, by having the collection of her school levy for the year 1872 enjoined, and by failing, so far, to get any school tax from the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company, and by building school houses in the meantime, has also become involved in debt. That district, however, completed within the last year, two of the largest and best school houses in the county, at a cost of about eleven hundred dollars each. It also established a free school for the colored, at Pawpaw, last winter—the first in our county for a number of years—and, having an excellent teacher, it gave entire satisfaction.

I visited all the schools, generally spending a half day in each, observing the manner in which each was conducted, and giving such instructions and suggesting such modifications as I thought proper. I found them all giving reasonable satisfaction except one in Sleepy Creek District, which I would have stopped, on account of the small attendance, had not a majority of the Board of Education been in favor of its continuance. The daily average attendance at our schools has increased from four hundred and seventy-two in the year 1873 to an average of six hundred and eleven for the last three years. There is still room for improvement in this respect. Some children are kept from school for want of the necessary clothing and books.

All of our schools were in operation four months, except in Bath District, where three were in operation six months, and one five months. I think the appointment of a teacher by a trustee should have the approval of two members of the Board of Education.

TEACHERS AND GRADES OF THEIR CERTIFICATES.

W. J. Sibert.....	1	B. H. Smith.....	1
A. J. Hottel.....	2	Miss Emma Devier.....	3
O. A. Sibert.....	4	D. A. Brady.....	1
James M. Ranck.....	4	Miss Hannah E. Royer.....	2
T. D. Richards.....	2	J. T. Pawling.....	2
A. A. Richards.....	1	Frank F. Pawling.....	4
Noah Potter.....	3	H. M. P. Clarke.....	3
J. E. Widmeyer.....	2	Miss Margaret Unger.....	3
D. Buchanan.....	3	Thomas J. Hinckle.....	4
Timothy Moriarty.....	1	James Robinson.....	1
N. McKinley.....	2	Miss Victoria Rankin.....	1
A. H. Acker.....	2	William F. Smith.....	1
C. E. Walling.....	1	R. L. Fearnow.....	2
L. B. Kidwell.....	3	A. C. Allemong.....	2
M. T. Miller.....	4	L. K. Mearkle.....	2
S. J. Hawvermale.....	2	E. H. Stotler.....	1
J. D. Hawvermale.....	3	Joseph A. Mechem.....	2
W. H. Clary.....	2	Charles W. Folz.....	2
E. R. Gero.....	3	Miss Lillie Bullock.....	1
C. M. Caldwell.....	3	Miss Henrietta Dubois.....	2

McDOWELL COUNTY—J. F. GAMBLE, *Sup't.*

I transmit herewith my third annual report of the condition of the free schools of McDowell county. The reports of the district boards to me have been very imperfect. The secretary of Elk Horn district moved out of the district before the report was made, consequently, my report relating to Elk Horn district embraces such information only as I have been able to collect myself. We have in the past been laboring under a great many disadvantages. At the beginning of the school year, Big Horn district was \$257 in debt, and over one-half the levy was taken to pay the back indebtedness of the district. Of the financial condition of Elk Horn district I am unable to make any report. Sandy River district expended \$256 to pay back indebtedness to teachers. Under these disadvantages we have kept our schools open two months (four months in a sub-district). Trustees have invariably failed to make any report to the secretaries, consequently, the whole school business devolves upon the superintendent.

Notwithstanding we have labored under these discouraging circumstances, the condition of the free schools is much better than at any time previous to this.

TEACHERS AND GRADES OF THEIR CERTIFICATES.

J. M. Boyd.....	1	Columbus Murphy.....	3
W. L. Gamble.....	1	A. P. Bruster.....	2
T. V. Altizer.....	1	W. H. Herndon.....	1
Gu Bruster.....	2	Laura Harman.....	1
W. T. Payne.....	1	Allen Street.....	2
Jacob Reedy.....	2	Adam Payne.....	3
F. H. Evine.....	2	A. C. Mitchell.....	1
Thomas R. Totten.....	2	John Diskins.....	1
T. C. Blankenship.....	3	J. J. Gamble.....	1
Henry Franklin.....	2	Henry Gillespie.....	1
J. Riffe.....	3		

NICHOLAS COUNTY—J. H. ROBINSON, *Sup't.*

Although I repeatedly urged upon the school officers, whose duty it is to report to this office, to make and return their reports, in the time prescribed by law, yet some of these officers did not make their reports until a late date.

I instructed the boards of education not to report until the settlements with the sheriff were made, so that the balance on hand could be reported. Some of these settlements were not made till very recently, which caused the delay of these reports.

We think we can safely say, that there has been a decided improvement on the financial and statistical management of the schools in this county, for the past year, and perhaps, it would not be too much egotism for us to say the schools are advancing in many other respects.

I met with the several boards of education and aided them in making the settlements with the sheriff.

There were funds arising from the sales of delinquent land for the year 1873, due the different school districts as follows: To Hamilton, \$355.07; to Kentucky, \$21.84; to Wilderness, \$120.97; to Summersville, \$20.57, and also, for redemptions before sales in 1873. To Hamilton district, \$27.29; and the same to Grant, Jefferson, Kentucky, Summersville and Wilderness, which amounts in all to \$163.74; and also, for redemptions for 1873. To Hamilton district, \$40.90; and to each of the other districts, Grant, Jefferson, Kentucky, Summersville and Wilderness, \$40.90, which amounts to \$245.40; making in all nine hundred and twenty-seven and fifty-nine one hundredth dollars.

This amount was due the schools of this county for the year 1873, but was not received until this year.

I derived a knowledge of these funds, from an examination of the settlements, made by commissioners of court with the sheriff of this county, which commissioners met in June of each year, to settle the business of the county, and at the same time, made a settlement with the sheriff for school money, which is contrary to section fifty-two of school law, which says the sheriff shall make annual settlements, with the county court at its next term after the first of September of each year; when I found that county matters and school affairs were thus confounded, I brought it to the attention of the court, and they made an order separating the financial affairs of the county, from those of the schools, and ordered that distinct settlements be made at the times required by law, for making these settlements.

Grant district has six sub districts, in each of which, four months

school were taught, number attending school, 196; average attendance, 108.6. Number studying orthography, 188; reading, 171; writing, 86; arithmetic, 34; geography, 12; English grammar, 10. Aggregate value of school property, \$1,939.

Hamilton District.—In this district there are sixteen sub-districts, in each of which schools were taught during the past year. Average number of months, 3.9. Number attending school, 418; average attendance, 320.6. Number studying each branch, orthography, 415; reading, 365; writing, 198; arithmetic, 116; geography, 30; English grammar, 62; history, 11. Total value of school property, \$24 79.

Jefferson District has eight sub-districts. During the year there were thirty-two months of school taught; 229 pupils attended schools. Average attendance, 165.2. Number studying orthography, 183; reading, 144; writing, 84; arithmetic, 74; geography, 20; English grammar, 24; history, 4; algebra, 1. Value of school property, \$1,275.

Kentucky.—In this district are eight sub-districts. Thirty-one months of school were taught in the past year. Number attending school, 190; average attendance, 122; number studying orthography, 190; reading, 139; writing, 100; arithmetic, 66; geography, 20; English grammar, 28; history, 5. Value of school property, \$829.25.

In Summersville District there are five sub-districts, in each of which four months of school were in operation during the year. Number attending school, 200; average attendance, 168.8. Number studying orthography, 189; reading, 154; writing, 116; arithmetic 78; geography, 20; English grammar, 34; history, 2. Total value of school property, \$1,370.

Wilderness District has nine sub-districts, in each of which a school was taught in the past year; average number of months taught 3.9. Number attending school, 290; average attendance, 205.2; number studying orthography, 276; reading, 219; writing, 118; arithmetic, 68; geography, 24; English grammar, 24; history, 3. Total value of school property, \$1,661.

SUMMARY.

In this county there are six districts which are divided into fifty-two sub-districts, in fifty of which are school houses, and in the other two, houses will be completed during the school year ending August 31st, 1877. Number of pupils enrolled, 2,201. Number attending school, 1,523; average attendance, 1,090.6. Number studying each branch, orthography, 1,441; reading, 1,192; writing, 702; arithmetic, 436; geography, 120; English grammar 182; history, 25; algebra,

1. Aggregate value of school property, \$9,553.25. Visits by county superintendent, 42; by other officers, 136. Total, 178. I have had connection with the free schools since the organization of the system among us, as a teacher and otherwise. My experience has taught me that the free schools should be kept distinct from the other branches of the government. I, therefore, recommend, that section forty-six of the school law in reference to the sheriff collecting school money, be so amended as to have district collectors for school money. All the districts made the levy required by law.

TEACHERS AND GRADES OF THEIR CERTIFICATES.

B. C. McNutt.....	2	Joseph L. Smith.....	1
H. C. Hill.....	2	Z. J. Call.....	3
Thompson Morris.....	4	Abraham Wilson.....	4
Vanceit Neil.....	3	S. H. Copenhafer.....	2
W. Y. Callagan.....	1	George A. Groves.....	3
R. E. Robinson.....	3	B. N. McCutchen.....	3
S. M. Atwood.....	1	Sarah E. Carter.....	2
H. W. Herold.....	1	Frank McClung.....	2
John L. McCoy.....	8	W. W. Jones.....	3
Walter F. Callaghan.....	1	James Tomlinson.....	3
A. H. Young.....	2	James Curren.....	2
Laura A. Cox.....	2	Thomas C. Brown.....	2
Isaac N. Cox.....	2	A. A. Hamilton.....	2
Walter S. Henderson.....	2	Miss M. M. Champ.....	4
Joseph A. Alderson.....	2	F. W. Champ.....	3
James W. Whitman.....	1	Charles H. Walkub.....	2
A. D. Kisler.....	2	H. R. Davis.....	3
John L. McCutchen.....	2	Jacob L. Young.....	3
Lanty W. Herold.....	1	M. S. Groves.....	2
George A. Herold.....	2	Isaac Hart.....	3
David McQueen.....	2	Samuel H. Ashley.....	2
George Grose.....	1	David S. Pettigrew.....	1
Frank Atwood.....	3	T. B. Horam.....	1
Samuel P. Schindel.....	1	David P. Bell.....	2
E. P. White.....	2	Margaret A. Thornton.....	1

OHIO COUNTY—J. C. FARIS, *Sup't.*

The people of Ohio county are alive to the interests of education. In every district they have voted for a longer term of school than "four months." Our school terms range from seven to ten months; shortest term being seven months, longest ten months.

We have excellent school houses in every sub-district in the county, except Fulton. This is but a single school district, cut off from Washington by the corporate lines of the city of Wheeling. In this, they are laying a levy each year for building purposes exceeding the demands of that fund, thus gathering a surplus to enable them in a few years to build without borrowing money or going in debt. They laid a levy of fifty cents on the \$100 for school purposes, continued their school ten months.

Ritchie is also a single school district, cut off in the same manner from Ritchie by the lines of Wheeling. They have one hundred and

ninety-five scholars between six and twenty-one years of age. Thus they draw enough from the State Fund to enable them, with a very small local levy, to have school ten months in the year.

Triadelphia township incurred a heavy debt some years ago in completing a good school house for each sub-district. You will notice by reference to financial account, they paid \$570,20 interest this year, yet they have a sinking fund, and in a few years will be out of debt. Length of school term, seven months.

Richland and Liberty, have good school houses and are free from debt. Length of school term eight months.

The reports from the clerks of the boards of education, with one or two exceptions, were complete and satisfactory this fall, showing the amount of money on hand at the beginning of the school year; the amount received from different sources; the amount expended every way and the balance on hand; these agree with the sheriff's account of the same.

From Ritchie, the account is not as full as it should be. In the independent district of Leatherwood, they lay a small levy for school purposes, thus enabling them to draw their share of State fund. With this they pay the tuition of their children in adjoining districts. I have never been able to find a school in their district yet. Having no school, they make no report, except concerning the laying of the levy,

I would suggest that the blank forms be all made to correspond. The term report for teacher, the statistical for clerks, and the annual reports for superintendents,—as it is, there are discrepancies, and it is hard to get the proper data for a full report.

TEACHERS AND GRADES OF THEIR CERTIFICATES.

Rebecca Anderson.....	2	C. R. Oldham.....	1
Mary McCoy.....	2	Robert H. Pogue.....	1
M. V. Burrows.....	2	J. W. Hancher.....	1
Lizzie M. Brownlee.....	3	W. R. Clark.....	2
William B. Gibson.....	1	Frank Foreman.....	2
Abbie J. Wallace.....	2	G. A. Kyle.....	2
John I. Carson.....	1	Mattie Thornburg.....	1
Annie Morrison.....	3	Ella Beard.....	1
Mary Buchannou.....	2	Tillie Dunlap.....	1
Jennie C. Carroll.....	2	Lee Hervey.....	2
Sarah J. Whitham.....	1	Louisa Muth.....	1
A. N. Hagerty.....	1		

PENDLETON COUNTY—WILLIAM F. MCQUAIN, *Sup't.*

We have 67 common schools in this county, each one of which I visited once, and some twice, spending a sufficient time in each to judge of the condition of the school, and generally throughout the county I found them in successful operation, and giving general satisfaction, except only in one or two instances. There were two public examinations held during the year, and yet it seemed necessary in some instances to grant private examinations. The number examined was seventy—one failed and one was re-examined, therefore the fees collected amounted to \$70, which was distributed among the members of the Board of Examiners.

TEACHERS AND GRADES OF THEIR CERTIFICATES.

S. W. Mallenax.....	1	Lafayette Nelson.....	3
John J. Hinner.....	2	John T. Masters.....	3
Frank Anderson.....	1	J. W. Cook.....	2
Solomon Mauzy	3	S. J. Blagg.....	4
Izaduh Harman.....	4	A. T. Calhoun.....	3
W. N. Murphy.....	4	B. F. Hedrick.....	—
George M. Poffenbarger	3	E. A. Samuels.....	2
James P. Kiser.....	2	J. J. Dunkle.....	1
W. W. Buck.....	4	William Marshall.....	2
George M. Vint.....	1	Daniel Landes.....	3
Miss H. C. Jones.....	4	John S. Bond.....	3
H. D. Hively.....	3	B. C. Vance.....	4
E. K. Curtis.....	5	A. A. Kile.....	4
Newton Hanna.....	4	William Vint.....	3
John G. Dahmer.....	3	N. W. Eckard.....	3
John D. Masters.....	3	J. S. Blair.....	1
John W. Biby.....	1	C. E. Snapp.....	3
William J. J. Wilson.....	3	Henry D. Baxter.....	3
Benjamin C. Harman.....	3	O. D. Hottle.....	3
Addison Harnan.....	3	Benjamin F. Day.....	3
George W. Grady.....	2	H. W. Arbogast.....	1
Michael Mauzy.....	2	W. D. Colaw.....	2
W. D. Vint.....	2	W. J. Cowger.....	1
A. A. Hahn.....	1	A. J. Keister.....	4
A. J. Phares.....	2	L. M. Pope.....	3
Noah H. Judy.....	1	A. J. Wilson.....	2
Leonard Harper.....	3	Miss A. L. Coffman.....	3
W. Scott.....	2	J. C. Hedrick.....	3
A. P. Devericks	3	Jacob Harman.....	3
John F. Simmons.....	2	Robert L. Nelson.....	2
Jacob H. Hinkle.....	3	George W. Shirk.....	3
E. V. Blakemore.....	1	A. J. Keister (re-examined).....	3
L. D. Bennett.....	3	Mrs. Martha H. Ward.....	3
John M. McQuain.....	2	T. M. McClung.....	2
D. S. Cunningham.....	3	George M. Schucker.....	3

PLEASANTS COUNTY.

NO WRITTEN REPORT.

TEACHERS AND GRADES OF THEIR CERTIFICATES.

Alexander Gorrell.....	4	L. E. McVay.....	2
A. Bever.....	2	Carrie Eggleston.....	8
N. L. Corbin.....	3	Maggie Richards.....	2
J. M. McKinney.....	1	Fannie Arnett.....	3
L. S. Edgett.....	3	V. Little.....	3
W. L. Locke.....	2	G. W. Brown.....	3
T. C. Coen.....	3	Mary Ellis.....	4
G. Ruttencutter.....	1	Bell Lindsey.....	3
M. E. Loper.....	2	Jennie Steele.....	2
Ida Steere.....	1	Kester Gorrell.....	5
Alice Wilson.....	2	Myrtle E. Locke.....	5
Martha Wilson.....	3	G. H. Moore.....	2
Annie C. Inlay.....	2	M. M. Hall.....	3
Nannie Holt.....	2	J. C. Lord.....	2
A. M. Gorrell.....	2	Julia Buckman.....	2
Wm. Bickey.....	4	T. S. Kester.....	2
R. W. Rhymer.....	4	M. P. Dabell.....	2
J. M. Reed.....	4	J. W. Johnson.....	2
L. A. Ellis.....	3	Maudie Johnson.....	2
J. R. Hughes.....	3	Viola Johnson.....	2
W. W. Oliphant.....	2	Charles A. Steere.....	3
E. F. Flemming.....	3	Clara B. Steere.....	3
L. R. Hill.....	4	S. A. Weekly.....	2

POCAHONTAS COUNTY—J. W. WARWICK, *Sup't.*

As far as I have been able to ascertain, I think that the schools were taught with good success in this county last year, and were also well and effectually disciplined with but few exceptions.

I visited every school in the county except two, at least once, and many of them two or three times. At most places where there were new teachers. Last year there were only two houses built, and one is still incomplete.

TEACHERS AND GRADES OF THEIR CERTIFICATES.

Chas. O. Arbogast.....	2	M. G. Mathews.....	1
Effie M. Amiss.....	2	Jno. S. Moore.....	1
L. Sue Beard.....	2	W. N. Moore.....	3
Luther J. Beard.....	2	Maggie Moore.....	2
Uriah Bird.....	1	Nora Moore.....	1
Florella M. Brown.....	2	Geo. W. McCollam.....	2
Squire L. Brown.....	2	Jno. C. McGlaughlin.....	1
Anna C. Clark.....	2	C. S. Stulting.....	1
Lucy L. Clark.....	2	Henrietta Stulting.....	
Rella Clark.....	3	Carrie Stulting.....	
H. Preston Cosby.....	1	Calvin L. Stulting.....	
Rev. M. D. Dunlap.....	1	Benj. L. Stuart.....	5
Maggie C. Erwine.....	1	Hilda E. Sutton.....	2
Elijah N. Grant.....	3	Mrs. H. E. Poague.....	2
Annie S. Gillespie.....	2	Mary W. Warwick.....	2
Cora A. Grimes.....	3	Laura V. Whitmore.....	1
C. C. Huff.....	1	J. K. Wooddell.....	1
Dan'l Kellison.....	3	B. M. Yeager.....	1
Geo. M. Kee.....	1	Grattan S. Welford.....	2
Mary S. Loury	2		

PRESTON COUNTY—J. H. FEATHER, *Sup't.*

I herewith transmit to you my fifth annual report of the condition of the schools in Preston county, with such details as I could gather both from the recorded, as well as unrecorded statistics. I have used all available means to present a full and correct report, although I am afraid that I have failed.

I visited all the schools in the county last winter, save four or five, and gave such instructions as I thought most needed; scrutinizing closely the mode of instructions given by the various teachers in the county. I am happy that I am able to report progress; the pupils attending school have made commendable progress in their studies.

We are now able to furnish our own teachers; heretofore we were under the necessity of employing a great many teachers from other counties and States.

I close this, my fifth annual report, by returning my heartfelt thanks to the citizens of Preston county for the undivided friendship and cordiality which has been so generously bestowed upon me.

TEACHERS AND GRADES OF THEIR CERTIFICATES.

William S. Bayles.....	2	William M. Emery.....	2
John F. Michle.....	2	Josiah Ditmons.....	2
William E. Kincaid.....	1	William H. Gusseman.....	2
J. D. Eichelberger.....	1	Jeremiah Gutherie.....	2
Mattie M. McGee.....	2	L. W. Fike.....	2
Scott Walter.....	2	Lucian Spurgin.....	2
Newton S. Michle.....	2	C. J. Martin.....	3
Jennie Graham.....	2	Alpheus Rightmire.....	2
A. F. McMillen.....	2	A. S. Shaw.....	2
Homer Posten.....	2	B. H. Elsie.....	1
Wilbert Posten.....	2	M. L. Nine.....	3
Venie M. Potter.....	2	A. S. Teats.....	2
M. J. Crogan.....	1	W. S. Grimes.....	2
M. F. Powell.....	1	Eli Albright.....	2
Sadie A. Baker.....	1	Melissa Fansler.....	2
Louis Garner.....	2	Mrs. L. O. Grady.....	2
Barbary Boyer.....	2	L. J. Forman.....	2
John K. Burson.....	2	Jared Feather.....	2
D. M. West.....	1	George S. Deakins.....	2
John S. Needroe.....	1	Rev. H. P. Baily.....	1
Robert Arnold.....	1	Lou A. Browning.....	2
James Forman.....	2	Stephen Stansberry.....	1
Henry S. Shaffer.....	3	J. G. McClure.....	2
Sarah E. Frush.....	3	D. H. Barker.....	2
D. W. Miller.....	2	Sarah C. Listen.....	2
D. R. Ford.....	1	W. F. Nine.....	3
Mollie C. Stone.....	2	C. H. Holtfield.....	1
George D. Bowers.....	2	Ray Arnett.....	2
Mary Gormau.....	2	A. Watson.....	2
A. B. Roahbaugh.....	1	J. A. Bell.....	3
D. H. Savage.....	2	W. R. Shaffer.....	2
J. L. Pierce.....	3	John Fortney.....	1
Susan Baker.....	2	B. M. Squires.....	3
Maggie Gordon.....	2	C. L. Birtcher.....	2
Helen StCharles.....	1	L. H. Keenans.....	2
Geo. W. Leighton.....	2	Mary M. Gienna.....	2
David M. Watring.....	2	Ella Daggett.....	1

TEACHERS AND GRADES OF THEIR CERTIFICATES—Continued.

E. Orvis Ludwig.....	1	D. L. Tansey.....	1
Millie C. Clark.....	1	Wm. F. Miller.....	1
J. P. Martin.....	1	C. C. Feather.....	2
E. F. Martin.....	2	O. C. Carroll.....	1
J. J. Martin.....	2	J. A. Bower.....	3
Rhoda Leighton.....	2	Sue M. Garner.....	1
George V. Leighton.....	2	Savilla V. Garner.....	2
J. E. David.....	1	D. G. Watson.....	1
Charles Vansickle.....	1	P. R. Smith.....	2
Marshal Friend.....	2	S. F. Bennett.....	2
G. W. Mathew.....	2	C. C. Jacobs.....	2
Joseph Arnold.....	2	Rev. S. Graham.....	1
Thad Cunningham.....	1	Rev. E. W. Zinn.....	1
Disa Frankhouser.....	2	S. N. Rogers.....	2
Thomas Jenkins.....	2	T. V. Colemon.....	2
J. R. Scott.....	2	Kate G. Daily.....	1
Milford Coppett.....	2	W. S. Hopkins.....	2
E. H. Abraham.....	1	W. M. Walter.....	1
Frank McKee.....	1	H. B. Fortney.....	2
F. P. Burke.....	2	A. A. Meness.....	3
J. Colter.....	1	J. M. Laughridge.....	3
N. R. Griffin.....	2	A. F. Simpson.....	1
Ira Ross.....	2	W. M. Warden.....	2
S. A. Mitchell.....	2		

PUTNAM COUNTY—M. S. KIRTLEY, *Sup't.*

The free school system in this county is in a prosperous condition. We have a good and efficient corps of teachers; the boards of education have selected from the most intelligent and prominent citizens, men endowed with business tact and administrative ability, and out of what was, a few years ago, chaos and confusion, now exist order, harmony and unity. Rigid economy has been enforced, both in the regulation of teachers salaries and in the erection of buildings, &c., with the exception of the one item of "sweeping building and making fires." In three of the districts I find that \$131.75 has been paid for this luxury alone, while in the other four nothing has been charged.

Our present sheriff, so far as I have been able to learn, has been prompt to pay all orders drawn on the Teachers' Fund, causing these drafts to pass in all parts of the county as current as bank checks.

The secretaries of the boards of education have at all times made their several reports with neatness and dispatch. Their books are kept in an intelligible and business like manner, showing at a glance the various receipts and expenditures of the different funds, which will obviate, I think, so far as this county is concerned, the necessity of another "high joint" committee to extricate the boards of education from their financial blunders.

The great desideratum is to have a better attendance at school.

My report shows the enumeration of youths for the county to be 3,295; of this number only 2,144 attend school, while the daily average attendance is but 1,285, or but little more than forty per cent. of the whole.

I hear no complaint of the working of the free school system under the present law except that of the one Trustee. In a few instances in this county the trustees have employed teachers through personal motives, who were not desired by a majority of the patrons of the schools.

I am satisfied that if the present school law shculd be amended, allowing three trustees to each sub-district, appointed by the Board of Education, that it would render better satisfaction, and would be instrumental in a more judicious selection of teachers.

TEACHERS AND GRADES OF THEIR CERTIFICATES.—Continued.

S. B. Chilton.....	1	C. C. Johnson.....	1
C. C. Casto.....	2	S. W. Blair.....	3
A. A. Hanley.....	2	W. M. Cooper.....	2
A. E. Dudding.....	2	John W. Cooper.....	2
Lycurgus Hanley.....	2	L. J. Ashworth.....	2
J. W. Reynolds.....	2	F. J. Dufier.....	3
Mc. F. Connor.....	1	John C. Henderson.....	2
E. M. McAllister.....	1	William J. O'Neill.....	2
John A. Seashols.....	3	J. C. Thomas.....	1
William E. Herndon.....	2	J. H. Taylor.....	2
D. H. Thomas.....	3	Henry C. Ridgway (colored).....	3
T. D. Honaker.....	2	J. W. Kirk.....	2
W. L. Hughes.....	2	Francis C. James (colored).....	2
A. S. Coulter.....	2	Miss Emma K. Thompson.....	2
A. Coulter.....	2	Miss Maddie L. Dudding.....	2
J. H. Coulter.....	2	Miss Sue Derrick.....	2
F. F. Higginbotham.....	2	Miss Maggie Lyons.....	2
James R. Shanks.....	3	Miss Mattie Stark.....	3
J. H. Hensen.....	3	Miss Fannie C. Stark.....	2
R. H. Wiley.....	3	Miss Bettie C. Reynolds.....	2
A. G. Blair.....	2	Miss Josephine McAllister.....	2
S. J. Kane.....	1	Miss Lizzie Waring.....	2
S. V. Hartley.....	1	Miss Annie Brown.....	2
W. T. Alexander.....	1	Miss Emma Vintroux.....	2
R. C. Causan.....	2	Miss Julia Vintroux.....	2
C. M. Farrar.....	2	Miss M. E. Casto.....	4
Yeto Farrar.....	3	Miss M. J. Cooper.....	3
Charles Winn.....	3	Miss Iva J. Hanley.....	2
S. E. Hartley.....	2	Miss Ida Higginbotham.....	2
F. M. Sovine.....	2	Miss Emma Shanks.....	3
C. M. Sovine.....	2	Miss S. J. Jones.....	1
John C. Brown.....	1	Miss Bettie Stuart.....	2
L. P. Proffitt.....	2	Miss Jennie Hutton.....	2
G. W. Meeks.....	2	Miss Mary F. Palmer.....	2
T. B. Pittsford.....	3		

RALEIGH COUNTY.—G. W. COOK, *Sup't.*

Town district has twelve good houses, and the schools were a success the past year. I will mention a school taught five months by W. S. Hanna, in which many of the teachers greatly improved themselves. The school was supported by the students.

The houses in Marsh Fork are not furnished with desks nor blackboards, and the children do not attend school regularly.

Trap Hill has three or four good houses, but the remainder are inferior. Schools medium.

Slab Fork is a small district, but it is building average houses, and the teachers' fund is in a good condition.

Clear Fork has good schools, but the children do not attend school as they should. Houses medium.

Shady Spring has ten good houses, and building others. It is the only district that kept its schools up four months; it is in a good condition financially.

The building levy in Richman district is never more than five or ten cents on the hundred, consequently the houses are indifferent.

Certificates were graded too high, from the fact that the board of examiners put the per cent. too low.

TEACHERS AND GRADES OF THEIR CERTIFICATES.

Lewis Hunter.....	2	Martin Ellison.....	1
Sianna Roles.....	3	Tolison Shumate.....	1
H. V. Duan.....	1	L. F. Meador.....	1
M. E. Vass.....	1	John Hollandsorth.....	4
John R. Callaway.....	2	A. L. Richman.....	3
T. J. Callaway.....	1	J. W. Lilly.....	3
Wm. G. Callaway.....	2	Joseph Parker.....	2
John W. Yost.....	4	G. B. Vine.....	4
Milton Curtis.....	1	Ballard Richman.....	4
O. S. Riffe.....	1	W. E. Martin.....	1
W. T. Harper.....	1	C. A. Bryant.....	3
Joseph E. Carper.....	1	Sarah F. Lilly.....	5
W. M. Miller.....	1	John Lilly.....	3
Jane E. Calfee.....	3	S. A. Williams.....	1
Wm. C. Hollandsorth.....	1	Joseph Peters.....	1
Addison Hanna.....	1	W. H. McGinnis.....	1
J. G. Meador.....	3	Martha McVey.....	3
W. M. Meador.....	4	P. M. Eades.....	4
John J. Meador.....	4	John Hanaker.....	4
J. S. McCarthy.....	2	Andrew Williams.....	3
J. A. Townsley.....	4	Joshua Harvey.....	3
Harvey Cook.....	1	Rufus Underwood.....	1
A. J. Hutchinson.....	3	W. L. Bragg	1
Nathan Scott.....	1	Funa Walker.....	4
Alex. Watts.....	3	Susan Hale	4
C. P. Stover.....	3	W. S. Dunbar.....	3
F. H. Brickey.....	4	Moses Bowers.....	3
Lizzie R. Oaks.....	4	A. C. Godbey.....	4
J. A. Rand.....	2	T. G. Holt.....	5
T. J. Ross.....	4	Anna McVey.....	3
A. J. Williams.....	3	Russ Hanna.....	2
T. C. Miller.....	3	W. S. Hanna.....	1
C. R. Caldwell.....	3	Mary A. Ellison.....	2
George Bailey.....	1		

RANDOLPH COUNTY—J. Woods Price, Sup't.

I was not able to visit the schools at the proper time on account of other important matters needing my attention. Having these matters somewhat arranged, I expect next year to give the county a thorough canvassing.

I think the schools were generally satisfactory. It is impossible in our thinly settled neighborhoods to suit all parties in the matter of schools.

As actions, not words, are the things needful to conduct the school system in a proper manner, I will make no further remarks now.

TEACHERS AND GRADES OF THEIR CERTIFICATES.

Lewis D. Wilmouth.....	1 A. Wilmouth.....	1
W. S. Strader.....	1 J. A. Vaughn.....	1
T. E. Hodges.....	1 J. J. Ferguson.....	2
N. N. Lenhouser.....	2 C. H. Rice.....	2
Miss Maria Wilson	2 J. H. Fobynater.....	3
James Malden.....	1 J. B. Blackman.....	2
F. P. Madden.....	2 Miss M. A. Durkin.....	2
James S. Vaughn.....	2 L. D. Gould.....	4
William L. Kee.....	1 William H. Bosely.....	3
T. C. Curtis.....	2 George J. Summers.....	3
Miss Maud Chenoweth.....	2 A. Bosworth.....	4
J. J. Scott.....	3 G. W. Daniels.....	4
Isaac Hetrich.....	2 Miss Jane Wilson.....	2
N. J. Lambert.....	2 Jed Janham.....	2
Miss V. Manen.....	3 Miss L. Chenoweth.....	3
L. S. Poling.....	3 J. T. Durkin.....	3
C. M. Moore.....	2 John P. Morgan.....	2
James S. Poling.....	2 D. B. Curtis	1
J. A. Gibson.....	3 Andrew Hathaway.....	3
A. A. Stalnaker.....	2 William T. Simmons.....	3
A. C. McDaniels.....	3 George E. Bosely.....	4
S. N. Wilfong.....	2 J. A. Hillyard.....	4
Miss V. See.....	3 J. G. Flory.....	2
J. R. Grove.....	3 Miss R. E. Kalon.....	4
J. N. Lambert.....	1 W. B. Yeardley.....	1
John Orsborne.....	3 Miss R. C. Wilmouth.....	1
T. C. Curtis.....	1 S. Wilmouth.....	3
Randolph Wise.....	5 Buscum Warner.....	2
H. C. Wilmouth.....	2 Miss L. Bradley.....	2
J. B. Canfield.....	1 Miss M. A. S. Hern.....	3
J. B. Little.....	2 A. F. Wilmouth.....	1
J. H. M. Butcher.....	2 Mrs. M. A. S. Hern.....	3
Stark Baker.....	3 L. H. Schoonover.....	2

RITCHIE COUNTY—J. N. KENDALL, *Sup't.*

In making this my annual report of the free schools of Ritchie county, I am gratified to state that there has been great improvement in our schools during the past year. Our citizens are beginning to realize the fact that it is to their interest to educate home teachers, and employ them to teach our schools. All the schools in the county excepting seven, were taught by home teachers during the scholastic year just ended, and they have, with few exceptions, given general satisfaction.

There is one thing to which I desire to call attention which should be remedied if possible, and that is that many of the children, for whose special benefit these schools are established, attend so irregularly. Youths are permitted to attend school or absent themselves according to their own or their parents whims. Hence, it is found in some schools

a small minority of children belonging to those sub-districts are in attendance. However revolting compulsory education may be to persons who consider it as an infringement on the principles of American liberty, it certainly would be more acceptable, considering the benefits accruing therefrom, than that condition of society which must result from a wilful neglect to educate the young. Let then the educators of the country devise means to overcome this evil, and whatever legislation may be needed on this subject to secure the desired end, let us have it, whether compulsory or not.

During the scholastic year I made ninety-four visits to the different schools in the county, visiting all except one, once and some twice. While visiting the different schools I took a great deal of pains to encourage the teachers in a faithful performance of their duties, and always delivered a lecture to the pupils on the importance of education and the great benefits to be derived therefrom. I tried also to impress upon the teachers the importance of looking to the moral as well as the intellectual training of the young, so that our land may be filled with honest, upright citizens.

We have had several new school houses erected during the past year and have others under contract; all of which are comfortable and respectable. I have been successful in combating the old togy notion that any kind of a building is good enough for a school house. Hence in all the plans I have approved, I have had an eye to comfort, neatness, convenience, and durability of structure. The buildings erected, will do credit to any county in the State.

The school at Cairo has the largest attendance of any in the county. It was kept open seven months during the scholastic year ending the thirty-first of August. The sum of three hundred dollars was appropriated from the Peabody fund for its benefit; which was drawn by me and paid over to the teachers.

A change back to the three trustee system, or abolishing the trustee system altogether, and giving the power to the boards of education to select the teachers in their districts, would be much more desirable than the present arrangement. It is too often the case where there is but one trustee that he insists upon employing a relative or friend to teach the school over which he has control, without ever consulting the wishes of the patrons of the school, which, of course, creates dissatisfaction. It is to be hoped that our law-makers will remedy this evil at their earliest convenience.

TEACHERS AND GRADES OF THEIR CERTIFICATES.

A. Delong.....	1 Allen Squires.....	5
D. A. McGinnis.....	2 William Trevey.....	3
Miss M. G. Werniger.....	1 Albert Thrash.....	2
Miss Sarah S. Simonton.....	1 M. D. Bartlett.....	2
William L. Hays.....	1 William H. Sharpnack.....	2
J. M. Hall.....	2 Wm. M. Cox.....	2
Miss Addie Lininger.....	1 Thomas Greenbank.....	2
Col. J. C. Lininger.....	1 F. M. Haynes.....	3
W. E. Hudkins.....	1 McKendre Wilson.....	3
Miss Maggie M. Anderson.....	1 Miss C. F. Randolph.....	2
Lewis Garrison.....	3 Miss Kate McKinley.....	4
Miss Sarah Lowther.....	2 G. H. F. Randolph.....	2
J. I. Hall.....	3 Mrs. A. A. Dougherty.....	3
M. C. Hall.....	2 D. W. Cox.....	1
Miss Mary E. Anderson.....	1 Miss Sarah L. Starr.....	2
Miss Susanna Anderson.....	2 Miss Mary A. McGinnis.....	2
Miss Callie F. Randolph.....	3 M. E. St. Clair.....	4
Miss Gertrude B. Heck.....	3 A. P. Glover.....	4
Wm. J. Lynch.....	3 Miss Laura Hall.....	3
Miss Sallie A. Lowther.....	2 Miss Annie Hall.....	3
Miss Kate Peirpoint.....	3 W. J. Lynch.....	2
C. Douglass.....	1 J. F. Cunningham.....	2
Miss Maggie M. Amos.....	1 Charles Walker.....	3
Miss Mary S. Kercheval.....	2 W. H. Ayres.....	3
Miss Mattie Dilworth.....	3 J. H. Nichol.....	1
Miss S. J. Snodgrass.....	3 W. Johnson.....	3
T. W. Ireland.....	2 J. V. Dotts.....	2
Miss Sarah F. Marsh.....	4 J. W. McDougal.....	3
R. H. Martin.....	1 Mrs. T. J. Ireland.....	2
D. B. Cunningham.....	3 Mrs. Hattie Hulderman.....	2
C. Letorier.....	1 G. A. Corbin.....	2
Miss Ella M. Pierpoint.....	3 Jacob Rickey.....	1
Miss Mary Gordon.....	1 Miss S. A. Dye.....	2
W. B. Hayden.....	1 Miss Mollie Armstrong.....	2
J. E. Cross.....	1 K. C. Edgell.....	4
G. A. Corbin.....	3 A. M. Wade.....	3
S. P. Crummett.....	4 S. H. McGregor.....	2
D. V. Bayne.....	4 William M. Cox.....	1
H. Ash.....	4 Miss Kate Peirpoint.....	3
Miss Bessie Corbin.....	3 Silas Mason.....	2
Mrs. Enaline Barclay.....	2 Minor S. Bartlett.....	4
Miss Alice Reed.....	2 W. W. Page.....	3
S. H. McGregor.....	3 D. N. Meredith.....	2
Lloyd Whaley.....	2 A. M. Wade.....	3
A. B. Smith.....	1 Miss Theora Sprague.....	2
K. C. Edgell.....	4 J. M. Roberts.....	4
Wesley Davis.....	2 Miss M. J. McGinnis.....	3
D. C. Smith.....	2 Mrs. T. J. Ireland.....	2
Wm. Jones.....	2 Miss Mollie Armstrong.....	1
C. N. Snodgrass.....	3 Phillip Cox.....	2
Henry Varner.....	4 James M. Moore.....	1
W. B. Trevey.....	5 G. W. Lowther.....	2
W. S. Luzader.....	4 C. N. Snodgrass.....	2
M. L. Corbin.....	2 W. B. Owen.....	1
Lafayette Davis.....	3 P. C. Snodgrass.....	3
T. T. McDougal.....	2 W. H. Sharpnack.....	1
Miss Lucy B. Kercheval.....	2 J. M. Roberts.....	2
H. Ash.....	2 Hiram Dotts.....	1

SUMMERS COUNTY—C. S. ELLISON, Sup't.

In the past year sixty-six primary schools have been taught in Summers county, and, while I have not the pleasure of reporting to you that which we shall never see—everybody pleased—yet satisfaction is more general and the proficiency of our teachers much improved, with an increase in daily school attendance of more than one hundred.

In the transmission of this report I ask to tender the State Superintendent of Public Schools of West Virginia not only my own sense of gratitude for personal and official kindness, but, in behalf of the people of Summers county, to give some expression of appreciation of the fidelity and zeal that has characterized the performance of his many and arduous public duties.

TEACHERS AND GRADES OF THEIR CERTIFICATES.

H. H. Hawkins.....	2	E. L. Dunn.....	2
G. W. Lefwich.....	3	P. L. Alderson.....	3
G. W. Tompkins.....	3	A. M. Hutchinson.....	2
B. L. Pedigo.....	4	C. H. Payne (colored).....	3
M. S. Hurley.....	2	D. J. Mann.....	3
Miss E. Lochert.....	1	B. T. Perkins (colored).....	4
Miss Nannie Foster.....	3	J. H. Haynes.....	3
Miss Mattie Foster.....	4	Jesse Call.....	3
Miss Eliza B. French.....	1	Albert Robinson (colored).....	3
J. M. Kiley.....	1	R. L. Deeds.....	2
H. F. Keeler.....	1	W. L. Connack.....	3
T. J. Cotton.....	4	Willie R. Thompson.....	1
J. H. Miller.....	2	Miss Lucinda Ball.....	3
J. F. Miller (colored).....	3	Miss E. J. Norvell.....	1
J. W. Harvey.....	4	Levi A. Lilly.....	4
H. W. Wills.....	4	Miss Mary J. Jordan.....	3
C. H. Graham.....	2	John L. Miller.....	2
G. W. Ballingee.....	3	A. A. Allen.....	2
T. R. Ballingee.....	3	C. L. Miller.....	2
A. E. Cotton.....	2	H. J. Tucker.....	2
William M. Meador.....	4	Newton McNeer.....	3
J. D. Martin.....	2	Miss Annie E. Baker.....	1
H. Z. Martin.....	2	Robert Connack.....	4
J. C. Ball.....	3	Miss Nannie J. Ellison.....	3
Charlie A. Clark.....	3	Charlie V. Ashworth.....	2
J. W. Tincher.....	4	Robert W. Neely.....	3
H. C. Cook.....	2	Miss Siannie Roles.....	4
G. C. Hughes.....	2	Thomas D. Burdett.....	2
William P. Harvey.....	4	F. H. Brown (colored).....	5
J. S. Meadows.....	4		

TAYLOR COUNTY—S. R. POWELL, *Sup't.*

Grafton independent school district has a white enumeration of 831, and colored, 33. This district has a large and commodious brick building, situated in an elevated part of the town, and has six well furnished rooms. This school was kept in session nine months, with the assistance of \$800 Peabody Fund, and had an average daily attendance of 328. The daily attendance does not seem to be what it should, considering the number enumerated; but the Catholics run a school of their own which is not reported, and accounts for the tardy attendance. There was also a colored school in operation in this district; partly supported by transferred scholars from Court House district, but it was not reported.

Pruntytown independent district has one school house containing four rooms, but only three of them were occupied this year. This building is erected on the foundation of the old Rector college that

was burnt down some years ago. It is a brick house, beautifully and pleasantly situated. This district has a school population of 155. School was kept open four months, with a daily attendance of 85. The attendance is not very commendable in this district. The ten colored youths of this district were provided with a school by the board of education, but not reported. Court House district is divided into ten sub districts, each contains one house and employs one teacher, except Webster, which employs two and West Grafton the same. There is an addition of a two story front to the West Grafton school house, in course of construction which is necessary to meet the rapid growth in population. This district reports a school population of 672. Schools were kept in session four months with an average daily attendance of 339. Flemington district is sub-divided into five districts and each employs one teacher. This district reports a white school population of 259; colored, 18. The white schools were run four months with an average daily attendance of 144. One colored school was run three months with an average daily attendance of 27. It was assisted by adjoining districts, I presume.

Booth's Creek district has ten sub-districts, each containing one house and employing one teacher. This district reports a school population of 489. Schools in this district were all in session four months, except one which was continued five, with an average daily attendance of 218. Grafton district has six sub-districts and each district has one house and employs one teacher. The white school population is 329; colored, 32. Schools were continued four months. White average daily attendance 132; colored, nine.

Fetterman district is sub-divided into thirteen districts, each has one house and employs one teacher, except in the town of Fetterman, where they employ two. The school population in this district is 689. Schools were all in session four months, with an average daily attendance of 381.

Taylor county has a school population of 3,507. Has forty-six school houses and employs sixty teachers. Colored scholars are taught in rented houses. Average salary of white teachers per month, \$37.50, of colored, \$25.00. Average cost per pupil for all purposes, based on the average daily attendance, \$8.34. I visited all the schools in the county (except four) and found all of them (with one or two exceptions) in as flourishing a condition as could have been expected. In visiting the schools, I gave particular attention to the location of school houses, condition of furniture, the advancement of the school, the interest manifested by both teacher and pupil, the text books used and the course and method of instruction. Spent half of a day in each school or in each apartment. I found the teachers

active and alive to the interests of their calling. The scholars usually acquitted themselves very well and denoted a degree of proficiency in their studies (generally speaking) that was entirely beyond my expectations, considering the length of time the free system has been in successful operation in this part.

The greatest drawback to the successful working of the free schools in this county is the small attendance in proportion to the number enumerated. I sincerely hope the time will soon be here, when intelligent parents (at least,) will appreciate the free privilege they have, and send their children to school.

The boards of education of the county have laid the levy required by law. In conclusion, permit me to return my thanks to the teachers and scholars for their kindness toward me while visiting them; likewise to the citizens for their hospitality while traveling over the county.

TEACHERS AND GRADES OF THEIR CERTIFICATES.

A. C. Martin.....	1	M. F. Cather.....	2
A. T. Crawle.....	1	M. J. Lawler.....	3
A. F. Burdett.....	1	Mrs. M. J. Hertzug.....	5
A. A. Coplin.....	1	Miss M. J. Wardor.....	1
Calvin Reed.....	3	Nola Care.....	2
C. W. Cax.....	2	N. W. Newbraugh.....	3
C. P. Yates.....	2	P. H. O'Brien.....	1
C. H. Rector.....	2	R. F. Rightmire.....	1
C. M. Shaw.....	2	R. A. Marrow.....	4
Columbus Ford.....	1	Miss Rowena Yates.....	4
C. W. Roe.....	4	R. M. Male.....	5
D. V. Payne.....	3	Solomon Poe.....	2
G. N. Martin.....	1	S. W. Poe.....	2
G. W. Elder.....	2	Smillito Newton.....	2
Howard Cather.....	3	Sue O'Brien.....	1
Miss Ida Sinclair.....	2	T. W. Rightmire.....	1
J. M. Brohard.....	2	T. P. Fordyce.....	1
J. L. McAllister.....	2	W. C. Currey.....	2
J. A. Watson.....	1	William Wood.....	2
J. C. Cather.....	2	W. L. Knotts.....	8
J. C. Nixon.....	2	W. J. McAllister.....	2
J. F. Johnson.....	3	W. A. Nixon.....	2
J. G. Caplin.....	2	W. C. Jones.....	3
J. T. Mason.....	1	W. S. Ryan.....	1
J. S. Leonard.....	1	W. J. King.....	4
L. V. Robinson.....	3	W. J. Murphy.....	1
L. C. Barnett.....	3	J. W. Newlon.....	1
Miss Miranda Cather.....	2	Bruce McDonald.....	1
Mrs. M. M. Lane.....	2	Steven Stiles.....	1
M. J. Bartlett.....	3		

TUCKER COUNTY—WILLIAM B. MAXWELL, *Sup't.*

There were twenty-eight schools taught in this county the past year, and, while the grade of certificates of a majority of the teachers was not quite as high as we would desire, yet entire satisfaction was rendered in nearly every instance.

The Boards of Education in the different districts appear to be

alive to the importance of completing their school houses at as early a time as possible.

At the present time there are three school houses under contract, and others will be placed under contract shortly.

At the February term of our County Court one of the then existing districts was divided and a new district formed, and at the April term another district was sub-divided, forming another new district. The formation of said new districts necessitated the appointment, on my part, of Boards of Education for them. Being just in the middle of the school year, this created a sort of chaos in the working of the affairs of the districts so divided.

All the secretaries of these districts made reports to me. Many of the items contained in one report would be found in the report of the secretary of the adjoining district, and, taking in consideration all these matters, it would be impossible for me to embody in a report all the minutiae required or expected to be found in a report to the State Superintendent.

The progress of the free school system in this county for the past year has been flattering indeed; the people are becoming more and more endeared to it.

TEACHERS AND GRADES OF THEIR CERTIFICATES.

L. S. Auvil.....	1	Henry Suelter.....	2
L. E. Goff.....	3	Isaiah Harman.....	2
G. W. Shirk.....	3	Lloyd Hansford.....	2
G. D. Schoonover.....	3	Thomas Marsh.....	3
G. W. White.....	2	A. G. Lambert.....	4
M. H. Godwin.....	2	Miss A. E. Swisher.....	1
J. H. Nester.....	3	Mrs. S. J. Maxwell.....	1
J. T. Mason.....	2	Miss P. F. Mason.....	4
T. Ferguson.....	3	Mrs. M. A. Speersert.....	1
J. B. Call.....	2	Miss Lelia Lyne.....	1
J. W. Moore.....	2	Miss Maggie Burgoyn.....	2
William Blake.....	2	Mrs Margaret Nine.....	3
Thomas P. Propst.....	3	Miss Lunna Parsons.....	2
Thomas W. Wilmot.....	2		

TYLER COUNTY—T. N. PARKS, *Sup't.*

Despite the "hard times" and the many difficulties that we had to meet, our schools were all supplied with an active, energetic class of teachers, and were taught for a term of four months with a degree of success unequaled, probably, by any past year.

In the county we have six districts, and sixty-one sub-districts, in which we employ sixty-four teachers; all of whom, during the past year, were residents of the State, with the exception of six. Those from other States were fine teachers; and we were pleased, while we

could not furnish all our schools with home teachers, to supply them with teachers so proficient as were those from abroad, employed during the past year.

Our teachers are making considerable literary advancement. It is thought that the very low wages paid teachers in some districts tend to discourage teachers, and drive them from the profession of teaching; and thus the progress of our schools are very materially affected. It seems that many of our people have yet to learn that in order to have good schools we must have good teachers; and to have good teachers we must, at least, pay them a respectable salary.

The changes needed in our school law are so numerous that I deem it unnecessary to attempt to mention any of them. Many of them are of vital importance to our free schools; and we hope at the next session of our Legislature that it will give us such legislation as will remove the many confictions in our school law.

TEACHERS AND GRADES OF THEIR CERTIFICATES.

S. M. Walthers.....	3	O. W. O. Hardman.....	1
Jennie M. Ferguson.....	1	Miss C. C. Bowser.....	2
Anna E. Lockwood.....	3	Leah Swearingen.....	3
Mattie Dodds.....	3	H. T. Givins.....	3
G. W. Rice.....	3	Okey J. Moore.....	4
W. R. Smith.....	1	Martin Dopier.....	2
W. G. Smith.....	3	C. G. Slemaker.....	1
C. B. Owens.....	2	P. B. Lowry.....	1
W. A. Smith.....	2	Joseph Williams.....	2
J. A. Maxwell.....	3	Robert Smith.....	3
J. H. Hickman.....	1	Theodore Covalt.....	2
J. S. Fordyce.....	2	W. S. Jones.....	2
G. D. Smith.....	3	Miss G. B. Taylor.....	3
N. W. Wells.....	2	R. J. R. Barber.....	2
P. K. Wilcox.....	2	Miss J. C. Burnett.....	2
M. S. Hanes.....	3	J. T. Booth.....	3
M. R. Duty.....	3	W. E. Weber.....	3
L. A. Lowther.....	2	Granville Jones.....	4
Mary E. Smith.....	2	T. H. Booth.....	3
D. F. Hisson.....	2	W. U. Patton.....	3
Mollie Thompson.....	2	Miss Francis Smith.....	3
J. H. Gain.....	2	John Adams.....	1
John N. McIntire.....	3	John W. Britton.....	2
W. E. Moore.....	3	E. M. Hugus.....	1
N. Bayne.....	3	A. W. Ridgway.....	3
H. B. Ankrom.....	3	Wm. Dana.....	2
Alexander Porter.....	1	A. W. Gorrell.....	2
Jacob Porter.....	1	Sam Rissiger.....	1
Alexander Ash.....	3	O. A. Thomas.....	2
George S. Smith.....	2	Nicholas Fordyce.....	2
Robert Smith.....	4	Mary Williams.....	3
Joseph Ankrom.....	2	J. W. Stringer.....	3
Armstrong Weekly.....	5	John Polen.....	4
Celia J. Corbley.....	3	Sarah Anderson.....	3
Isaac Jones.....	3	Miss J. C. Hare.....	3
J. N. McNight.....	1	Miss M. V. Allen.....	3
Lydia V. Joseph.....	1	M. A. McGinnis.....	2
La Fayette Davis.....	2	J. T. Hickman, examiner.....	
Rufus Ulum.....	3	J. C. Warner, examiner.....	
G. C. Riggs.....	2	A. B. Wilson, State Cr.....	
R. A. Morrow.....	2	T. N. Parks, county sup't.....	

UPSHUR COUNTY.

NO WRITTEN REPORT.

TEACHERS AND GRADES OF THEIR CERTIFICATES.

Calvin P. Darnall.....	2	William H. Queen.....	4
Robert A. Darnall.....	2	J. E. Vangilder.....	4
Charles A. Dunnington.....	3	Robert L. Talman.....	4
Luke P. Brooks.....	2	Hasseltine Bartlett.....	3
Pattie J. Day.....	2	Emma M. Bartlett.....	3
Addie M. Burr.....	2	Lizzie F. Bartlett.....	3
M. Jennie Totten.....	3	Rebecca A. Huffman.....	4
John M. Brake.....	3	Luke P. Brooks.....	1
Lawton D. Gould.....	3	H. Boyers Morgan.....	3
James S. Dean.....	2	Louisia Bartlett.....	4
Addie E. Clark.....	3	James E. Vangilder.....	3
James J. Peterson.....	1	George W. Eskew.....	4
Hattie Bunten.....	2	Addie E. Clark.....	2
Jennie Dean.....	3	P. D. Hannah.....	4
Alfred C. Linger.....	3	Ada M. Burr.....	1
Winfield S. Strader.....	1	Mattie E. Townsend.....	1
Joseph R. Mathers	1	Eunnie Perry.....	2
Albert J. Marple.....	1	John A. Van tromp.....	2
George W. Smith.....	3	M. Worth Morrison.....	2
George C. Allman.....	1	John A. Hess.....	1
Arciminti Clark.....	4	Lydia E. Young.....	1
Granville D. Westfall.....	2	Thomas E. Hodges.....	1
Leonard F. Linger.....	4	Hattie Bunten.....	1
Maggie Hinkle.....	2	Samuel A. Elliot	5
John W. Kidd.....	2	Rhoda E. Gould.....	1
Steward P. Cutright.....	4	Mollie S. Heavener.....	3
Paris Lewis.....	3	M. Jennie Totten.....	2
George W. Eskew.....	4	A. Lester Bond.....	3
Virginia Maher	5	Ira L. Murit.....	3
W. R. Jewell.....	1	Lyde L. McAvoy.....	2
Willis P. Woodley, Jr.....	3	Laura Gould.....	3
Willi.m F. Lister.....	2	Joseph Bartlett.....	5
Jerome S. Fultz	3	William H. Queen.....	3
Clark L. Rohrbough.....	4	Rosa E. McAvoy.....	4
Myra Gould.....	4	David Poe.....	3
E. A. Hamner.....	2	John V. Tenney.....	4
Floyd Sexton	2	C. A. Dunnington.....	2
R. V. Summers.....	3	L. W. Loudin.....	3
George J. Summers.....	4	James F. Hodges.....	2
John D. Summers.....	2	Q. L. Young.....	1
Charles L. Brown.....	4	Alta E. Rolph.....	3
J. D. Atkinson.....	3	Birdie Williams.....	1
Bell Moore.....	3	Alice Brown, Failed.....	
Theodore E. Hodges.....	1	Alverda Colinder, Failed.....	
Helena E. Carter.....	3	Of the above, the following were examined twice:	
Lida L. Carter.....	3	C. A. Dunnington.....	
B. F. P. Ours.....	2	L. P. Brooks.....	
Jemima E. Huffman.....	4	Ada M. Burr.....	
Mollie S. Hearner.....	4	M. Jennie Totten.....	
John V. Terney.....	4	Addie E. Clark.....	
William B. Lynch.....	1	Hattie Bunten.....	
Rebecca A. Huffman.....	5	George W. Eskew.....	
A. W. Terney	4	Mollie S. Heavener.....	
George W. Beer.....	1	John V. Tenney.....	
V. F. Taylor.....	2	Rebecca A. Huffman.....	
William E. Talbott.....	3	William H. Queen.....	
O. W. Bunner.....	2	James E. Vangilder.....	
D. N. Armstrong.....	2	James F. Hodges.....	
John S. Douglass.....	1	James F. Hodges.....	1
Eugene Brown.....	3		

WEBSTER COUNTY.

NO WRITTEN REPORT.

TEACHERS AND GRADES OF THEIR CERTIFICATES.

Mary Pritt.....	3	M. B. Hyer.....	1
Ella Brake.....	2	J. L. Cochran.....	8
Mary E. Hyer.....	1	Alice A. Thornton.....	1
F. B. Hosay.....	3	J. A. Howell.....	5
C. W. Ware.....	1	I. D. Horan.....	1
C. W. Ferrel.....	3	W. A. Arthur.....	0
John C. Saulsbury.....	1	Z. R. Howell.....	4
A. J. Saulsbury.....	1	James H. Hardway.....	1
J. C. H. Cogar.....	3	Randolph Wise.....	5
J. B. Howell.....	5	Granville Sargent.....	4
Hettie A. Curry.....	1	Uriah Bird.....	1
T. J. Hyers.....	4	Marshal Morton.....	2
Wallace Hollister.....	1	Mary A. Hickman.....	4
E. O. Ferrel.....	3		

WETZEL COUNTY—WILLIAM A. NEWMAN, *Sup't.*

You will see in the report that Wetzel county has expended in the last year for educational purposes \$9,558.57, and I hope not in vain. The teachers endeavored to do their duty, the pupils manifested great interest in their studies and a large majority have made considerable progress. May they continue in the good work they have begun and grow ornaments to society and become useful to the county. Nearly all of our teachers are citizens of the county and take pains in promoting the welfare of those under their charge. Wetzel has school houses valued at \$41,753 06, and every district is out of debt with the exception of Green. The other districts have an aggregate of \$2,186.86 of a balance of the building fund in the sheriff's hands, and \$5,273.77 of the teachers' fund.

TEACHERS AND GRADES OF THEIR CERTIFICATES.

P. Meeker.....	1 Jefferson Robinson.....	8
William Lowrey.....	2 G. K. Franks.....	1
E. Burge.....	1 William Giblin.....	2
J. B. Moore.....	2 G. L. Milligan.....	2
James Moore.....	2 L. A. Benedum.....	1
B. B. Newman.....	1 John M. Love.....	2
M. A. Green.....	1 J. W. Ferrell.....	2
O. V. Garret.....	2 Linza Murrell.....	2
W. P. Furnel.....	2 S. Stout.....	1
A. S. Brownfield.....	2 A. S. Arnet.....	1
O. W. Earleywine.....	2 Zacariah Stewart.....	3
J. A. Richardson.....	1 Zettie Ice.....	2
Mole E. Ebberson.....	1 A. T. George.....	2
Elehne Taylor.....	2 Oliver Calvert.....	2
W. R. Honan.....	2 J. M. Monroe.....	4
A. N. Wade.....	2 M. E. Lalley.....	2
Maggie E. Martin.....	2 W. W. Bowser.....	2
M. E. Burrus.....	2 Andrew Clark.....	2
M. E. Snodgrass.....	2 Jesse Tuthman.....	3
E. A. Williams.....	2 D. N. McIntire.....	1
W. C. Brown.....	1 T. M. Gats.....	2
James W. McIntire.....	1 James Monroe.....	1
J. A. Vancamp.....	2 E. Parsons.....	1
H. C. Branou.....	1 May Wayman.....	1
H. Hilluk.....	1 James Garret.....	3
Ed. Delaney.....	2 N. McMasters.....	2
Jesse Morris.....	2 Rebecca Murphy.....	3
G. W. Lowden.....	3 M. J. Murphy.....	1
Ellis Delaney.....	2 T. Williams.....	2
Stephen A. Carney.....	2 W. Lynch.....	2
Oliver Cook.....	2 Thomas Haskens.....	3
Julia Lavel.....	2 David Warrick.....	3
Mary Lavel.....	1 M. F. Knots.....	1
Nancy Swicher.....	2 M. Fowler.....	1
John Lavel.....	2 John Hunt.....	1
Jannima Robinson.....	2 James Ashcraft.....	2

WIRT COUNTY—D. C. CASTO, *Sup't.*

I am glad to report that the schools in this county are in a prosperous condition. Each sub-district in the county had a four months term of school; there were, perhaps, two exceptions. In one of the districts there were seven months in each of the sub-districts.

During the year there were thirty-five common schools in successful operation for the time required by law. I visited nearly all of them and was well pleased with the way the teachers were conducting them.

I do not think I exaggerate when I say that the standard of teachers in the county was higher than in any previous year. The board of examiners endeavored to make the examinations a fair test of the teachers ability. In holding the standard of examinations higher than in previous years we have induced a spirit of improvement among the teachers and the influence, of this spirit operating in communities where they found employment has brought about a healthy state of public sentiment. In almost every locality where I visited the schools, I found a lively interest, a liberal and regular attendance

and an improvement among the students which reflected much credit on those who had the management of the school.

In most cases the schools were taught by teachers who reside in this State.

The Graded School at Burning Springs was kept open for six months under the management of C. S. Welch, A. B., of the Ohio University. This school is deservedly very popular in this and adjoining counties. It opens this year under the management of Elliott Wetzel, a graduate of the West Virginia University.

I regret exceedingly that this school is not among the number of those recommended by your Honor and received by the agent of the Peabody fund for assistance from that fund.

The Elizabeth High School was in a successful operation for nine months. This school is liberally patronized by the teachers of the county. It has done much for the teachers of the county in that during the summer months when the country schools are closed it affords them the means of improvement without the necessity of going abroad. It opens this year with encouraging prospects under the care of Prof. A. H. Amrine a practical and an experienced teacher assisted by M. R. Lowther a graduate of the National Normal School in Ohio.

There were two new houses built this year one in Burning Springs district and one in Reedy. There is one in process of erection in Tucker district which when completed will be one of the finest common school buildings in the county.

There were two successful sessions of the Teachers' Institute held during the year. The organization which hitherto has been incomplete was perfected and arrangements made for regular sessions. I believe that these institutes were the means of accomplishing much good in systematizing the methods of teaching adopted by the teachers.

I heartily approve the recommendations made by your Honor to the last legislature as amendments to the school law and hope they will be passed at its coming session. The amendments you propose to the forty-sixth section is good but I believe the entire section should be repealed and the collecting and disbursing power of the school fund placed in the hands of district treasurers. There would be less confusion, the teachers would be more promptly paid, and it could in no wise be more expensive. As it is, not unfrequently, teachers are compelled to wait for their money for from nine to twelve months after it is earned.

I am glad to report not only that the schools of this county are in a prosperous condition but that the system is gradually gaining in

favor with the people. Prejudice against our schools is a thing of the past; an increased interest is everywhere manifested; good teachers are in demand and the people are in sympathy and hearty co-operation with the work.

TEACHERS AND GRADES OF THEIR CERTIFICATES.

E. R. Ferree.....	2	W. W. Page.....	2
J. S. Davis.....	3	J. W. McCoy.....	2
M. F. Stewart.....	3	Mariah Gates.....	2
William A. Rankin.....	3	Mallissa Selby.....	1
Alice J. Bartlett.....	2	Lou J. P. Richmond.....	1
Annie Showalter.....	1	Anna Baker.....	2
Sadie C. Cory.....	4	Thomas Dewitt.....	4
G. W. Morris.....	1	E. S. Showalter.....	2
C. S. Welch.....	1	Emma Selby.....	1
Mary I. Thorn.....	2	Frank McKin.....	2
Louisia Stytler.....	2	Sadie C. Cory.....	2
V. W. Levitt.....	2	M. F. Cory.....	2
J. W. Reed.....	2	Ida Cory.....	2
Hattie Welishans.....	2	M. F. Stewart.....	2
A. R. Shaw.....	2	Mariah Gates.....	1
Susan Abbot.....	3	E. S. Showalter.....	1
A. E. Keller.....	5	Ardie Reinier.....	1
E. R. Ferree.....	1	Rebecca A. Seaman.....	4
H. C. Goodnight.....	4	C. C. Stewart.....	2
William A. Rankin.....	3	Lizzie Buits.....	2
H. C. Goodnight.....	4	M. F. Baits.....	1
William A. Rankin.....	3	D. F. Staunton.....	1
H. B. Mason.....	1	Z. W. Hickman.....	2
John F. Quick.....	1	Victory Fouty.....	3
C. A. Meyer.....	2	Lizzie Wlugeit.....	2
E. W. Bowersock.....	4	Melvina Pugh.....	2
G. W. Stephens.....	4	V. B. Arnold.....	1
H. H. Miller.....	2	Y. J. Gates.....	1

WOOD COUNTY, S. T. STAPLETON, *Sup't.*

Our schools were all in operation during the year just closed, and having visited all the schools in my county during the past year but seven, and noticed their progress, I am pleased to be able to speak of them more favorably than formerly. I can safely say that our teachers have, with few exceptions, used their best efforts to secure for our schools a high standard of usefulness.

TEACHERS AND GRADES OF THEIR CERTIFICATES.

E. S. Cox.....	1	J. H. Horton.....	2
W. H. Underwood.....	1	W. W. Robinson.....	2
G. S. Wells.....	1	James R. Cooper.....	2
Lizzie Firm.....	1	J. W. Tygart.....	2
Annie B. McIntosh.....	1	Henry Bell.....	2
S. S. Hazen.....	1	Susie Simmons.....	2
D. B. Horton.....	1	Jennie Piggott.....	2
L. C. Page.....	1	Edward Walker.....	2
J. K. Jones.....	1	B. W. Bailey.....	2
A. H. Amrine.....	1	Frank Dufur.....	2
T. J. Slater.....	1	Sarah M. Ashby.....	2
W. B. Lagrange.....	1	Mollie Ryan.....	2
J. C. Black.....	1	Georgie Pennybaker.....	2

TEACHERS AND GRADES OF THEIR CERTIFICATES—Continued.

D. Bennington.....	1 Mary A. Gibbs.....	2
M. P. Priftman.....	1 Sarah P. Wibber.....	2
E. P. Metgrave.....	1 Mollie Camp.....	2
John Fletcher.....	1 Nettie Leachman.....	2
Kinnie Smith.....	1 Alice Leachman.....	2
Lizzie Hincley.....	1 Emma Hall.....	2
Andie Taylor.....	1 M. E. Baird.....	2
Lizzie Davis.....	1 Charlotte Funkhouser.....	2
E. McCreary.....	1 Mary Funkhouser.....	2
Annie Crichton.....	1 J. T. Piggott.....	2
Susie Crichton.....	1 David Ward.....	2
M. C. Dobele.....	1 R. B. Mussetter.....	2
P. F. Wells.....	1 Frank Kuver.....	2
H. J. Ross.....	1 J. H. Buckley.....	2
J. J. Lynch.....	1 Wm. McVey.....	2
J. J. Nelson.....	1 H. C. Wigal.....	2
Nannie Vinton.....	1 V. B. Arnold.....	2
Annie Hatcher.....	1 J. M. Barnes.....	2
Jennie Bukey.....	1 Fannie E. Smith.....	2
Mary Tavonur.....	1 M. S. Black.....	2
Brassie Pennybaker.....	1 E. Pennumberg.....	2
Lillie Levitt.....	1 W. A. Burk.....	2
C. Bibbe.....	1 W. P. Mann.....	2
S. M. Baso.....	1 J. M. Reed.....	2
A. T. Martin.....	1 Girtie Lovett.....	2
Benton Clark.....	1 J. D. Rapp.....	2
David Martin.....	1 Mary Rice.....	2
Alanson Martin.....	1 Uz. Allerman.....	2
A. L. Hollister.....	1 Cecilia E. Davis.....	2
A. W. Judkins.....	1 G. W. McVey.....	2
R. T. Barbour.....	1 W. P. Whitlatch.....	2
Abbie Hincley.....	1 Annie Watkins.....	3
Nancy Baile.....	1 Alice Elery.....	3
Fannie Shaw.....	1 Linnie Norris.....	3
D. McAllister.....	1 Alice Lee.....	3
M. P. Dobele.....	1 Annie Hicks.....	3
Clark Nelson.....	1 T. C. Webber.....	3
L. D. Creel.....	1 Dora Whitlatch.....	3
Maggie A. Stapleton.....	1 Carrie E. Ward.....	3
Warnock Bibbe.....	1 Lizzie Tiffney.....	3
Bernice McCally.....	1 M. C. Whitlatch.....	3
Wm. H. Horn.....	1 John W. Porter.....	3
Samuel Adair.....	1 Wm. R. Foggin.....	3
Victoria Murphy.....	1 H. S. Dye.....	3
T. J. Farrell.....	1 D. P. Wigal.....	3
J. A. Shuts.....	1 Amelia Flinn.....	3
H. C. Wigal.....	1 J. E. Stoops.....	3
J. L. Morehead.....	1 C. G. Archer.....	4
Hattie V. Creel.....	2 Sophia Lucker.....	4
R. B. Sifins.....	2 V. W. Leavett.....	4
C. E. McCarell.....	2 Ida M. Ralston.....	4
Fannie Bradford.....	2 Susan Abbott.....	5
Sarah Dawson.....	2 Solomon Buckley.....	5

WYOMING COUNTY—ALBERT SHANNON, *Sup't.*

I have visited all the schools in my county, and found them in a very prosperous condition and with good attendance with few exceptions.

We have a great deal of confusion in one district (Clear Fork) about the levy. On the 13th day of August, 1875, the vote was taken on the question of levy and no levy. When the board met and compared the records of election and declared the result in favor of the levy, five of the anti-levy men, instituted a suit against the board,

claiming that the majority of the votes cast was against the levy, which suit is not yet decided.

We had four schools in this district but the teachers are still kept out of their pay, as there was no levy collected and the sheriff contends he did not draw the State funds for said district. The board has made their annual levy for the present school year.

Permit me here to make a suggestion that the Legislature so change the fortieth section of school law, that the boards of Education make their annual levies, and leave out by authority of the people. So long as the question of levying is left to the people, there will be contentions and confusion caused by a few who are opposed to the free school system.

Another suggestion is that the boards of education be allowed a reasonable compensation for their services.

TEACHERS AND GRADES OF THEIR CERTIFICATES.

Elias Smith.....	1 J. D. McCraw.....	4
E. M. Center.....	1 A. W. Hammond.....	1
P. Lester.....	4 W. Sizemore.....	4
L. B. Godfrey.....	3 J. S. Shumate.....	3
William Osborn.....	3 W. B. McClure.....	3
Perry Bally.....	4 C. Canterbury.....	2
W. J. Cook.....	1 J. Lambert.....	5
Miss R. George.....	2 F. Lusk.....	4
W. R. Cook.....	3 W. Lester.....	5
John Goldsmith.....	3 G. S. Little.....	2
G. W. Thomason.....	3 W. Walker.....	4
D. Gunoe.....	2 A. L. Godfrey.....	3
J. V. Glandon.....	4 James Stewart.....	3
James Gunoe.....	2 S. Cook.....	4
R. Stewart.....	3 L. Good.....	4
W. Pendry.....	3 J. Cook.....	2
J. J. Cooper.....	2 J. C. H. Shannon.....	2
J. G. Cook.....	5 E. Bane.....	3
A. J. Manning.....	4 J. J. Shannon.....	3
William Canterbury.....	3 H. T. Perry.....	3
Isaac Bailey.....	4 J. D. Lester.....	3
J. L. Bailey.....	4 W. A. Cheveron.....	1
S. Goode.....	4 W. T. Sarver.....	2
Miss Luna Cook.....	3 A. P. Bailey.....	2

CITY OF MARTINSBURG.

NO WRITTEN REPORT.

TEACHERS AND GRADES OF THEIR CERTIFICATES.

A. Tegethoff	1 Miss A. M. Medera.....	1
A. R. Long.....	1 Miss A. V. Colston.....	1
F. J. Hydon.....	1 Miss A. E. Hill.....	1
J. M. Deiffenderfer.....	1 Miss A. J. Riddle.....	-
William Gschardt.....	1 Miss M. L. Cutting.....	1
David Bowers.....	2 Miss M. E. Flery.....	2
D. S. Noble.....	1 Miss K. A. Ahern.....	2
C. T. Kenney.....	2 Miss A. O'Neal.....	2
Miss L. G. Winn.....	1 Miss E. V. Ennert.....	1
Miss A. V. Wilson.....	1 J. R. Clifford (colored).....	3

WHEELING CITY—JOHN C. HERVEY, *Sup't.*

NO WRITTEN REPORT.

Teachers employed, and their position in the Schools of Wheeling for the Year Ending June 30th, 1876.

NAMES	Grade	POSITION.	NAMES	Grade	POSITION.
WASHINGTON.					
Z. G. Bundy.....	1	Principal	Maggie E. Taylor.....	1	Principal
Ida Ivison.....	1	Gram. School	Sadie Stout.....	1	Grammar School
Agnes McClure.....	1	Division A	Cornelia Hamilton.....	2	Division A,
Alice V. Oxtoby.....	2	" A,	Annie Moran.....	2	" B,
Sallie Robinson.....	2	" B,	Bella V. Godfrey.....	2	" C,
Tillie McDonald.....	2	" B,	Minnie S. Black.....	2	" D,
Annie Johnston.....	2	" C,	Annie W. Boyd.....	1	" D,
Mary E. Phipps.....	2	" C,	Jennie Patterson.....	2	" D.
Mary Connally.....	1	" D,			
Ada B. Greer.....	1	" D,			
Mary Arbutnott.....	2	" D.			
MADISON.					
A. M. Stevenson.....	1	Principal	Samuel Boyd.....	1	Principal
N. B. A. Eagleson.....	1	Grammar School	Martha Harper.....	1	Grammar School
Julia M. Wiley.....	2	Division A,	Mary J. Morrison.....	2	Division A,
Eliza J. McKeivey.....	2	" B,	Sue E. Crumbacker.....	1	" A,
Emma Snowden.....	1	" C,	Mary E. C. Lopez.....	2	" B,
Jennie A. Campbell.....	1	" C,	Ida M. Richards.....	2	" C,
Minta Foster.....	2	" D,	Annie C. Waterson.....	1	" C,
Hannah M. Nicoll.....	2	" D.	Dora Clohan.....	2	" D,
			Lizzie Cross.....	2	" D,
			Kate Todd.....	2	" D,
			Lizzie J. Clohan.....	1	" D.
CLAY.					
Sallie J. Meholin.....	1	Principal.	H. N. Mertz.....	1	Principal
Maggie Davis.....	1	Grammar School	Ella Jeffers.....	1	Grammar School
Mary A. Davies.....	1	Division A,	Josie F. Rose.....	1	Division A,
Emma J. Stephens.....	2	" A,	Emma S. Anderson.....	1	" A,
Mary E. Jeffers.....	2	" B,	Sarah A. Scott.....	2	" B,
Mary A. Ballic.....	2	" B,	Jessie A. Emblem.....	1	" B,
Jane McColloch.....	2	" C,	Ella J. Stephens.....	2	" C,
Mattie Stout.....	2	" C,	Florence Sperry.....	1	" C,
Miriam Dean.....	2	" C,	Clerie H. White.....	1	" C,
Lizzie M. Swift.....	2	" D,	Sarah McKinley.....	2	" D,
Mattie A. Stevens.....	2	" D,	Annie E. Reeves.....	1	" D,
Lizzie McKennan.....	1	" D.	Sallie L. Callendine.....	2	" D,
			Clara L. Swift.....	1	" D.
UNION.					
James F. Snowden.....	1	Principal	COLORED.		
Ella Dillon.....	1	Grammar School	W. F. Gaskins.....	1	Principal.
Annie Ewing.....	2	Division A,	Harriet E. Carter.....	1	Assistant.
Ada Dillon.....	2	" A,			
Annie Jeffers.....	2	" B,	GERMAN DEPARTMENT.		
Lizzie Downs.....	1	" B,	C. A. Schaefer.....	1	Principal.
M. Lou. McColloch.....	2	" C,	E. Buch.....	1	Assistant.
Amanda Robinson.....	2	" C,	G. Guttenberg.....	1	"
Lucinda Sims.....	1	" C,	Helena Gelink.....	2	"
Maria Ellingham.....	1	" D,	Mary A. D. Bingell.....	1	"
Sophia Davies.....	2	" D,	Mary Arbenz.....	2	"
Amy Chapline.....	2	" D,			
Mary Robinson.....	2	" D.			

EVENING SCHOOLS.

NAMES.	Grade.	POSITION.	NAMES.	Grade.	POSITION.
FIRST WARD.					
Z. G. Bundy.....	1	Principal.	S. W. Boyd.....	1	Principal.
Mary Connelly.....	1	Assistant.	Sue E. Crumbacker.....	1	Assistant.
H. A. Phillips.....	2	"	Tillie Sutherland.....	1	"
Tillie McDonald.....	2	"			
SECOND & THIRD WARD.					
J. S. B. McDonald.....	1	Principal.	A. M. Stevenson.....	1	Principal.
Joanna Charnock.....	2	Assistant.			
Kellie Johnston.....	2	"	EIGHTH WARD.		
Sallie Thoburn.....	2	"	J. H. Cooke.....	1	Principal.
			Sarah Scott.....	2	Assistant.
FOURTH WARD.					
James F. Snowden.....	1	Principal.	COLORED.		
Annie Ewing.....	2	Assistant.	Wm. F. Gaskins.....	1	
Sophia Davies.....	2	"			
Lizzie Downs.....	1	"			

SUMMARY.

Teachers in day schools.....	78
Teachers in evening schools.....	19
Teachers of German.....	6
Total.....	103

PUBLIC SCHOOLS OF WHEELING.

A TABLE—Showing the average monthly enrollment, average daily attendance, and number of teachers employed in the several schools and divisions; average number of scholars per teacher, per cent. of average daily attendance on monthly enrollment, and the cost of instruction.

School Year Ending June 30, 1876.

SUB-DISTRICTS.	GRAMMAR SCHOOL.	PRIMARY DIVISION A.	PRIMARY DIVISION B.	PRIMARY DIVISION C.	PRIMARY DIVISION D.	SUB-DISTRICT TOTALS.	Teachers per Scholar.		Average No. of Scholars per Teacher.	Per cent. of Daily Attendance on Monthly Enrollment.	Cost per Scholar for ten months tuition.											
							Average Monthly Enrollment.	Average Daily Attendance.	Number of Teachers.	Average Monthly Enrollment.	Average Daily Attendance.	Number of Teachers.										
Washington.....	31	27	2	55	48	2	84	74	2	190	165	3	434	381	11	40	88	\$1,580.00	\$11.24			
Madison.....	40	37	2	28	23	1	80	71	2	250	221	8	31	88	3,606.00	14	42	88	3,606.00	14.42		
Clay.....	48	40	2	82	74	2	82	74	3	164	150	3	459	459	12	42	91	5,240.00	10			
Union.....	36	33	2	55	50	2	68	59	2	208	183	4	501	442	13	39	88	5,600.00	11			
Centre.....	50	41	2	35	29	1	51	51	2	151	131	2	340	288	8	42	88	3,725.00	11			
Webster.....	40	33	2	78	66	2	91	88	2	149	129	3	441	378	11	40	88	4,880.00	11			
Ritchie.....	35	31	2	75	65	2	94	83	2	188	157	3	236	203	4	593	519	13	46	88	5,600.00	9
Colored.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	69	65	2	35	80	1,160.00	16
Total.....	280	242	14	408	355	12	501	438	13	1,705	1,628	16	1170	1,025	21	3133	2743	78	40	88	34,741.00	\$11

Increase in average monthly enrollment over last annual report, 225; in average daily attendance, 198. Day schools were in session ten months.

Salaries of teachers in day schools: Principals, \$1,100. Assistants in Grammar Schools, \$440; teachers in A and B Divisions, \$385; in C and D Divisions, \$360. Principal of colored school, \$800; assistant, \$360. Superintendent German instruction, \$800; assistants, males, \$400, females, \$300.

Principals of evening schools received \$40, and assistants \$25 per month.

The following table shows the total enrolment, average monthly enrolment, per cent. of average monthly enrolment on total enrolment, and number of teachers employed in the evening schools in the several sub-districts, for the year ending June 30, 1876.

SUB-DISTRICTS.		Total Enrollment.	Average Monthly Enrollment.	Per cent.	No. of Teachers.
Washington.....	89	69	78	4	
Madison.....	34	25	77	1	
Clay.....	91	62	69	4	
Union.....	120	97	80	4	
Centre and Webster.....	159	107	67	3	
Ritchie.....	114	73	64	2	
Colored.....	70	58	70	1	
Total.....	677	491	73	19	

As compared with the year ending June 30, 1875, the above statement shows an increase in the total enrolment of 101, and in the average monthly enrolment of 70.

Financial Statement of the School District of Wheeling for

Year Ending June 30, 1876.

SCHOOL FUND.

RECEIPTS.	EXPENDITURES.
Balance.....	\$4,435 27
Levy.....	34,946 64
State.....	10,194 17
Miscellaneous.....	16,553 19
Total.....	\$66,129 27
	Total.....
	\$66,129 48

BUILDING FUND.

RECEIPTS.	EXPENDITURES.
Balance.....	\$ 6,214 85
Levy.....	20,967 93
Miscellaneous.....	471 34
Balance.....	3,130 80
Total.....	\$30,784 92
	Total.....
	\$30,784 92

Population, Enumeration of Youth, and Number of Pupils Enrolled,

Year ending June 30, 1876.

SUB-DISTRICTS.	Population.	Enumeration of youth.	Pupils Enrolled.
Washington.....	3,623	1,201	607
Madison.....	4,036	1,185	377
Clay.....	3,650	1,261	728
Union.....	4,641	1,712	714
Centre.....	2,833	962	470
Webster.....	4,604	1,593	727
Ritchie.....	3,903	1,403	758
Colored.....	553	184	109
City.....	27,933	9,501	4,490

If to the 4,490 pupils enrolled, as above, in the day schools, there be added the 677, enrolled in the evening schools, it will make 5,167 pupils enrolled in the public schools of the district or city during the year, an increase over preceding year of 487.

During the two years ending June 30, 1876, the construction account amounted to \$44,658.95. Of this amount \$24,917.24 were appropriated to the building of a new school house in Clay sub-district. This is one of the finest school buildings in the city. \$9,393.73, were expended in enlarging the school house in Madison sub-district, and \$9,952.66 in enlarging Webster school building.

Both of these are now very fine buildings.





